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REPORT

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

PERMONT, N.H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1895

This Town Report

Is Dedicated To

Two Women

Who Have Done So Much

For Our Town

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Margaret Ritchie Cleaves

Selectman 1987-1996

and

Barbara Stevens

Health Officer 1974-1996

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OF THE
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OF THE

**TOWN OF PIERMONT
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen	Margaret R Cleaves, Chr (1996)	272-4839
	Jean D. Daley (1997)	272-4944
	Robert J. Lang (1998)	989-5684
Town Clerk	Linda Lambert	272-5848
Treasurer	James Lambert	272-5848
Tax Collector	Linda Lambert	272-5848
Road Agent	Peter Mazzilli, Sr. (1996)	272-4936
Police Chief	William R. Deal	272-5882
Fire Chief	David "Tim" Cole	272-4988
Forest Fire Warden	W. Alfred Stevens	272-5837
Health Officer	Barbara Stevens	272-5808
Emergency Management	Wayne Godfrey	272-5802
Supervisors-Checklist	James Lambert (2001)	272-5848
	Vea Jenks (1997)	272-4838
	Caryle Meacham(1999)	272-4378
Trustee Trust Fund	William R. Deal(1996)	272-5882
	Frederick Shipman, Chr.(1996)	272-4938
	Louis Hobbs (1997)	272-5810
Moderator	Dean Osgood (1996)	272-5804

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Katherine Wescott, Treas. (1997)	Marian Shields (1997)
Lydia Hill (1998)	John Monahan (1996)
Kelly Fitzpatrick (1995)	Linda Lambert (1996)
Helga Mueller, Chr. (1996)	
Helen Underhill, Honorary Trustee	Nancy Underhill, Librarian
Elizabeth Trussell, Asistant Librarian	

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Terry Robie	272-4901
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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Fred Shipman, Chr. (1998)
Jeffrey P. Dube (1997)
William Putnam, (1996)

George Schmid, Vice Chr. (1998)
William Daley (1996)
Dean Osgood, Alternate

PLANNING BOARD

Peter Labounty, Chr.(1997)
Fred Shipman (1997)
Frank Rodimon Jr. (1996)
Jean D. Daley, Ex-Officio
Margaret Ritchie Cleaves, Alternate Ex-Officio

Kay Wescott, Vice Chr.(1998)
Robert Michenfelder (1998)
Suzanne Woodward (1996)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Joe Medlicott., Pres.
Helga Mueller, Co-V.P.
Anna Williams, Corresp. Sec.
Lloyd Hall, Dir. of Preservation

Linda Lambert, Co-V.P.
Frederick Shipman, Treas.
Charlotte Wilson, Dir-at-Large

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Helga Mueller, Chr.
David Ritchie
William Daley
Donald Smith

Robert A. Michenfelder
Eric Underhill
Ernest Hartley, Jr.

RECYCLING CENTER & TRANSFER STATION

Wayne Godfrey, Manager
Paul Pushee, Attendant

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
PIERMONT, N.H.
MARCH 14, 1995**

The legal town meeting for the inhabitants of Piermont, N.H. The polls were opened at 11:00 AM by Moderator Dean Osgood for the purpose of voting for town and school board officers by non-partisan ballot. The polls closed at 7:00 PM at which time 164 voters had cast their ballots.

At 8:00 PM the town meeting was reconvened by Moderator Dean Osgood who asked us to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by the reading of the warrant.

ARTICLE ONE: To vote by Official Ballot for the following Town Officers:

OFFICE	TERM	NAME
Auditor	2yrs 1997	Abby Metcalf
Library Trustee	3yrs 1998	Barbara Fitzpatrick
Library Trustee	3:yrs 1998	Myron Mueller
Library Trustee	3yrs 1998	Lydia Hill
Moderator	1yrs 1996	LawrenceUnderhill
Selectman	3yrs 1998	Robert Lang
Treasurer	1 yr 1996	James Lambert
Trust Fund	3yrs 1998	Daniel Webster

Supervisors of checklist:

1 yr 1996	James Lambert
3yrs 1998	Carlyle Meacham
5yrs 2000	Vea Jenks

SCHOOL OFFICERS:

Clerk	1yr 1996	Ellen Putnam
Treasurer	1yr 1996	Ellen Putnam
Board Member	3yrs 1998	Fred Shipman
Moderator	1yr 1996	S.Arnold Shields

Moderator Osgood swore in the following town and school officers present: S.Arnold Shields, Ellen Putnam, Fred Shipman, James Lambert, Robert Lang, Myron Mueller. The remaining officers will be sworn in at a later date.

ARTICLE TWO: (BY OFFICIAL BALLOT) To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA39:2-a which allow the business meeting of the Town Meeting to be held on a day other than the second Tuesday in March. The following question is on the Official Ballot;

"Do you approve of having two sessions for the Annual Town Meeting in this town, the first session for choice of Town officers elected by an Official Ballot and other action required to be inserted on said Official Ballot, and the second session on a date set by the Selectmen for the transaction of other business?"

Minutes Continued:

(COMMENT; If a majority of the legal voters present and voting at the Annual Town Meeting vote in the affirmative, the first time that the Town Meeting will have two sessions would be in March 1996.)

YES 63 NO 82 DEFEATED

ARTICLE THREE: To raise and appropriate \$112,809 appearing in the Town Budget as necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year, divided as follows and subject to any adjustment which may be voted upon at this meeting:

ITEM	BUDGETED CHARGED
Officers salaries	\$16,000.
Officers expenses	11,500.
Election/Registration	1,200.
Town Buildings	20,000.
Tax map	600.
Contingency	1,500.
Insurance	16,000.
Planning Board	1,000.
Legal and Damages	2,500.
Solid Waste Disposal	29,759.
Street Light/Blinker	3,500.
Public Welfare	2,000.
Memorial Day	250.
Recreation and Swimming Pool	1,500.
Interest	5,000.
Miscellaneous Expenses	500.
TOTAL TOWN CHARGES	\$112,809.

Moved by Peter Mazzilli Sr. Seconded by Arnold Shields
SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if Town will approve the organization of the Piermont Fire Department to include the following;

- (1) The election of the Fire Chief and a Deputy Fire Chief for a one year term.
- (2) Firefighters (new applicants) shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the members of the Piermont Fire Department.
- (3) Authorize the firefighters to adopt the usual by-laws for the operation of the Piermont Fire Department consistent with this vote and with New Hampshire law. A copy of the by-laws shall be filed in the office of the Town Clerk.
- (4) And all real estate or equipment purchased with funds appropriated by the Town shall be the property of the Town as provided in RSA 154:1-a.

Minutes Continued:

(5)And this vote shall be immediately effective.

Moved by James Lambert Seconded by Bill Winot Discussion: How is it different now? Tim Cole explains that this is how it is done now but State requires it voted on

SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$ 58,000 for the purpose of maintaining highways and bridges.

Moved by Wayne Godfrey Seconded by Kay Wescott

SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$22,792. being the Highway Department State subsidy. (This money is received each year from the State and is used for the Highway Department.)

Moved by Frank Rodimon JR Seconded by Wayne Godfrey

SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5, 000 for the Police Department.

Moved by Bill Deal Seconded by James Lambert

SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$ 11,550 for the support of the Fire Department.

Moved by Tim Cole Seconded by Joe Medlicott

Discussion: Where is this money spent? It's in the Fire Departments report, personnel receive \$6.00 a fire call. It's a volunteer department and they felt it's enough.

SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

ARTICLE NINE: To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,513. for Ambulance, Fire and Police dispatching services.

Moved by Bill Deal Seconded by Mary Halloran

Discussion: How is this figure come up with ? It's baste on a per capital fee.

SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

ARTICLE TEN: To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$13,000. for the support of the Library.

Minutes Continued:

Moved by Marian Shields Seconded by Kay Wescott
SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$13,950. for Cemeteries - Moved by Fred Shipman Seconded by Mary Halloran

Discussion: Richard Fishman asks where is the report and how is it spent? Fred Shipman says that \$10,000 comes from Taxes and some from Trust Funds. Last year \$6500 was spent on repairs \$3500 on new fencing \$100 on signs, \$3800 was transferred to an account to purchase new cemeteries when needed. This was suppose to have been done all along but just realized this year. We have 2 active and 3 inactive at this time. We are responsible for 5 cemeteries as far as mowing, raking, trimming, but most of the money was spent on fencing.

Kay Musty asks what a Accretion Fund is? It's life care for the lot. She suggest that be mentioned in next years report.

Richard Fishman suggested we spend money on living not on the dead. A strong reaction was heard summed up by Bill Deals statement that cemeteries is a sign of what a town is. It's a Holy place and sacred ground, sacred trust to the dead from the living.

SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,328. for the Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Moved by Kay Wescott Seconded by Suzanne Woodard
SHOW OF HANDS PASSED.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$580. to pay Piermont's share of the cost as a member of Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council.

Moved by Arnold Shields Seconded by Don Smith

Discussion: Fred Shipman asks if an hourly fee would be cheaper . No because the Town has to be a member of a regional Planning Board and this is the yearly fee. Have we used this in the past year? Yes

SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$300. for the White Mountain Mental Health Center.

Moved by Marian Shields Seconded by Bob Elder

Discussion: Ed French stated that they don't answer a call for help so why pay them? Bob Elder says they helped 3 families in town plus the school last year. They are there for trauma help and no one knows when this is going to hit your family.

Arnold Shields asks if a group is going to ask the Town for money a representative

Minutes Continued:

should be here to answer questions from the floor. Officials should look into why someone looking for help did not receive it. Bob Elder said he would look into the matter more closely for Mr French.

Call for question by Wilbert Hill Seconded by Arnold Shields (To stop discussion and vote) yes by standing

SHOW OF HANDS YES 53 NO 19 PASSED

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$400. for the support of the Community Action Outreach Program.

Moved by Fred Shipman Seconded by Arnold Shields
Comment made it was worth every penny we pay for it.

SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of a tax lien on real estate or real estate acquired by Tax Collector's deeds to the previous owner or their heirs and/or devisees of such owners, as justice may require, upon the condition that suitable arrangements are made for the payment of all sums due and owing to the Town, which authority shall continue indefinitely until the Town Meeting rescinds such authority, as authorized by RSA80:42.111. (Comment; An affirmative vote under this Article will grant the Selectmen this additional authority indefinitely, without the necessity of an article and vote at every Annual Town Meeting. The 1994 Town Meeting gave the Selectmen authority in definitely to sell by auction or bid.)

Moved by Fred Shipman Seconded by Arnold Shields

Discussion: What does this mean? It gives Selectmen authority to sell to family without going through sale process.

Kay Johnson asks if anyone can buy property without sale process?

No only family members.

Peter Mazzille Sr commented that it really gives an heir or property owner one more last chance to pay back taxes. Yes

SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,488. as Piermont's share for Upper Valley Ambulance Inc.

Moved by Bill Deal Seconded by Dot Rodimon
SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$812. for the Grafton Senior Citizen Council.

Moved by Alfred Stevens Seconded by Arnold Shields
SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

Minutes Continued:

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$800. for the restoration and preservation of Town records. ALTERNATIVE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$800. for the restoration and preservation of Town records, and an additional amount of \$1,148 to microfilm approximately 24 books of historical Town records.

Moved with alternative by Bill Deal Seconded by James Lambert Arnold Shields asked what was wanted here it's very confusing. Town Clerk stated that the books needing microfilming are old minutes and records that are not anywhere else, would like to get a copy if only on microfilm so we wouldn't lose any records in case of fire. The price is for two sets- one is for office and one is to be kept off site. The records we have been preserving has a microfilm duplicate of each when done. Concord has copies of every vital record since 1900 so there are copies somewhere of the books we have not preserved. If had to choose between the two items I would like the microfilming first. There are about 8 more books to be preserved.

Moderator calls for vote

SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,148. for the purpose of microfilming approximately 24 books of Town records for preservation and protection of Town historical documents

Moved to pass over by Alfred Stevens Seconded by Bill Deal

SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE: (By petition) To see if the Town will vote to adopt the annual veteran's exemption from the property tax on the veteran's residential property and to act on the following question:

QUESTION; Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, V and VI, for an optional veterans' tax credit and an expanded qualifying war service for veterans seeking the tax credit? The optional tax credit is \$ 100 rather than \$50."

(If the question is approved, the veterans exemption shall be \$ 100, subtracted each year from the property tax on the veteran's residential property. The surviving spouse of a resident who suffered a service- connected death may have the sum subtracted from the property tax on any real property, where the surviving spouse is a resident. Section VI describes what service constitutes a qualifying war or armed conflict. If the majority of those voting on the question vote yes, the optional exemption shall apply within the Town as of April 1,1995.)

Moved by Kay Musty Seconded by Mildred Hartley

Discussion; Eunice Hobbs ask if people know what they are voting for? Selectmen says it comes off tax due. Who pays for this deduction? Tax payers.

Richard Fishman stated he opposes war and anything to do with war therefore he opposes this article. Walter Rodimon stated that he has a right to say what he thinks. Austin Hogan asks for a voice vote.

A VERY STRONG YES VOTE ONE NAY PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$477 to contribute to a local or regional household hazardous waste collection project. The project will encourage the proper disposal of hazardous household wastes such as paint thinners, solvents and pesticides and seek to educate citizens about the adverse environmental consequences of improper household hazardous waste disposal.

Moved by Wayne Godfrey Seconded by Brad Simpson

Discussion: Katherine Johnson asks if this is regional or town? We are the most southern point of a region. It's being held at Fairgrounds in Haverhill which could become a yearly thing if response is good. Cost is based on a per capital for each town.

Fred Shipman do we get plenty of notice for this? Wayne will let everyone know when they show up at the dump for exact date.

SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE: To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$80,000 for the purchase of a new fire truck, a combination pumper/tanker, and to trade in or sell the 1963 pumper and 1970 tanker and apply the proceeds therefrom, and to see what sum the Town will authorize the Selectmen to withdraw from the Town Vehicular Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and name the Selectmen as agents of the Town to expend such sum, and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow the balance under the Municipal Finance Act, to sign all documents and take all action as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this vote. (Action will be taken under this Article by ballot and approval requires a 2/3 majority vote of those present and voting, voting yes.)

Selectmen 3 For 0 Against

Moved by Tim Cole with the figure raised to \$85,000

Seconded by Wayne Godfrey

Discussion: Tim Cole explains that the truck they found has a new chassis for \$90,000 The fire Department has raised \$5000 with fund raisers to bring the cost to \$85,000. It's a new truck not a used one to be modified.

Frank Rodimon Jr asks what a used one would cost? It would cost to refit what the department wants on it, new tires, go over everything. Plus we need to know what we need to take out of the Capital Reserve Fund? yes

Michael Stygles asks why we need one, what is wrong with what we have? The 63 is starting to rust out and the 70 tankard is not insulated, we bought it used and had it converted over 20 years ago.

Russell Woodard asked if the department had enough time to look? Been looking.

Donna Huntington how may years will a new truck last? 30 years

Bill Putnam stated again that the department has raised \$5000 in fund raisers and we are replacing 2 trucks in one.

Tim Cole stated that maintaining the old truck is \$10-12,000 to bring up to shape.

Minutes Continued:

Original cost of \$80,000 was broke up as \$56-59,00 for poly, \$ 15,000 a chassis, \$5,000 for frame work.

Asked if this why affect taxes? Yes, taxes would go up for this.

Peter Mazzilli Sr stated that we as a town needs to get on a program to replace Town Vehicles on a regular time table, we got a new grader and paid for it so know the Fire Department needs a truck and we get 2 for 1.

Nancy Underhill calls the question

Cannot call question until we have amount from Capital Reserve account. Alfred Stevens asks how much is in this fund? \$22-25,000.

Bob Elder asks what would be the length of the note? 5 year= \$ 13,000 per year

Tim Cole moved to amend original motion to add \$25,000 from Capital Reserve Vehicle Fund Seconded by Wayne Godfrey

MOTION TO TABLE THIS ARTICLE TO SEE WHAT IS AVAILABLE IN THE VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND.

So moved by Richard Fishman Seconded by Ed French

SHOW OF HANDS YES

ARTICLE TWENTY-SEVEN: To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be paid into the Town Vehicular Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen 3 For 0 AGAINST

Moved by Arnold Shields Seconded by Sue Medicott

Discussion: Richard Fishman asks what the intent of this article is? The Town does this every year put money aside for future use.

SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

BACK TO ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE: Moved by Tim Cole for \$85,000 and \$25,000 from Capital Reserve Vehicle Fund Seconded by Wayne Godfrey

Discussion: Peter Mazzilli Sr stated that in the last three to four years we haven't needed any equipment. The Fire Department hasn't had a new vehicle for 25 years we need to keep up the Town equipment.

BALLOT VOTE: YES 71 NO 19 PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR:(By petition) To see if the Town will vote to require the Selectmen, before disposing of real property, the title to which has been acquired by Tax Collector's deed, to consult with the Conservation Commission of the Town of Piermont, said Commission to recommend whether or not the retention of such real property would be in the best interest of the Town as provided in RSA80:42-a, subject to a final ratification at the next Annual or Special Town Meeting.

Moved by Arnold Shields Seconded by Don Smith

Please explain!

Brad Simpson asks if this could add another year to get a piece of property back on the taxroll? Bob Lang says it could. He hopes the towns people would have enough faith in their elected Selectmen to use their own judgment all this article would do is but a noose around the Selectmen and tie their hands.

Minutes Continued:

Fred Shipman asks what the R5A80:42a says? Don't have the RSA in front of them, in general it ties the Selectmen - they have no say . But this article says consult, RSA says Selectmen does what Commission says no matter what. The point is this article adds a year to property getting back on tax roll.

Shouldn't the Conservation Committee look at a piece for environmental safety? They can look before deeding. We passed article 16 how can this article affect this article? It will prolong the process. The point was made that we have confidence in the Selectmen and Board of Adjustment to do the right thing. Peter Mazzilli Sr moves the article Seconded by Don Beaulieu to bring question to vote

VOICE VOTE STRONG NAY DEFEATED

ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$6000 to replace the Piermont Heights Bridge and the bridge to the School Lot off River Road with culverts.

Moved to pass over by Frank Rodimon Sr Second by Ed French

Discussion: Why is this article here? Peter Mazzilli Sr explains it's a one time thing and he put it as a separate article so there wouldn't be an increase in his budget. He has added social security and a new furnace for town garage out of budget plus last winter was hard on his budget and recommends passing this article.

Dot Rodimon asks if School Lot will take a culvert and not wash out? Hal Covert said that heavy water would go through his barn first. Hal Covert asks if the School Lot could be sold he would be interested in buying, it would no longer be a Town road or Town bridge to maintain.

PASS OVER VOTE SHOW OF HANDS DEFEATED

Moved the article by Peter Mazzilli Sr Seconded by Richard Fishman

Discussion: Bob Elder asks if we can wait to fix School Lot Bridge to see if we can sell it. It would take 3 years to sell by bringing before town.

Kay Musty asks why couldn't the rent received from lot (\$500) be applied towards fixing bridge?

Frank Rodimon Jr asks if the ends of bridges are good why replace a good bridge? Concert culvert is square and would be better.

Hal Covert stated that there are 3 farmers who use this bridge and they don't want a new bridge they only want it updated to hold weight but still the best deal would be to sell this property.

Ed French asks how much will it cost to fix up bridge that is there? State needs to certify it so cost is in question.

Frank Rodimon Jr asks what is certify of a bridge? Same requirements as when his father was road agent. If we do not certify bridges we lose \$22,000 in subsidy money from the State to maintain roads and bridges.

Walter Rodimon asks what class of road has to be certified? Class V and better roads State inspects. Frank Rodimon Jr. asks why not do upgrading every year not just once in a while? It would cost more to do a little bit each year.

Can you change class of road so they don't need certifying?

YES on School Lot NO on Piermont Height Road

Minutes Continued:

SHOW OF HANDS(counted several times) YES 27 NO 27
TIE BROKEN BY MODERATOR YES PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX: To see if the Town will enact the following by- law pursuant to RSA149-M:13; Only solid waste generated in the Town of Piermont may be disposed of at the Piermont Transfer Station and that the Board of Selectmen shall be the enforcement authority. Any violation of this by-law shall be subject to the fines and penalties as provided in RSA149-M:13.

Moved by Suzanne Woodard Seconded by Wayne Godfrey
SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT: To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be paid into the Town Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund.

Moved by Bill Deal Seconded by Wayne Godfrey
Kay Wescott asks what do we do with this fund since the committee is gone? The money is set aside to handle building upkeep.
SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-NINE: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA31:19.

Moved by Alfred Stevens Seconded by Kay Musty
SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

ARTICLE THIRTY: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 1000 to purchase a complete set of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated to provide legal assistance to Town boards and which will be accessible to Town residents.

Moved by Mary Simpson Seconded by Arnold Shields
SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

ARTICLE THIRTY-ONE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000. for the reappraisal of real estate for tax purposes, and authorize the Selectmen to hire an appraisal firm, to sign an agreement and take all action necessary to carry out the propose of this vote.

Moved by Peter Mazzilli Sr Seconded by Mary Simpson
When was reappraisal last done? 1981-1982

Why do we need this? There are people in town who are upset at their appraisals. The selectmen thought that the towns people should decide if they want to reassess the whole town.

Minutes Continued:

Can't tax payers appeal their taxes if they are upset? Yes Adam Bernadas says he went through the process and felt he got no satisfaction.

What if \$20,000 doesn't do it? The Selectmen would have to come before the town again to ask for more money.

Fred Shipman says there is a formal revise process and the selling prices in town are in line with the assessments (around 50% of value).

It was asked where the price of \$20,000 came from? just of figure from the air. Alfred Stevens stated that it cost \$18,000 in 1981, the price is unreal today. How many parcels are we talking about? 700-750

Richard Fishman asks why the Selectmen didn't ask for bids before they came before the town to ask for money?

STAND UP FOR VOTE DEFEATED STRONGLY

ARTICLE THIRTY-TWO: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

The Selectmen asks for ideas on what to do with the Town Hall. Due to on going cost of upkeep the Piermont Town Hall and constant questions from the townspeople the Board of Selectmen asked for a consensus of opinion of what to do with the Town Hall. Selectman Bob Lang asked, "should we look into selling the Town Hall." It was noted that nothing could be done without the approval of the Towns people.

Arnold Shields mentioned that we should look at any historical value the building might have. By an overwhelming majority the Towns people present approved of the idea that the Selectmen begin the process of possibly selling the Town Hall and property.

Motion giving Selectmen permission to look into the Town Hall and property was made by Brad Simpson

Seconded by Kay Musty

SHOW OF HANDS PASSED

Moderator moved meeting adjourned at 11:03.

Duly submitted,
Linda Lambert
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
AUGUST 21,1995

Special Town Meeting called to order at 7:03 by Moderator Dean Osgood. Moderator read warrant.

ARTICLE ONE: To see if the Town will vote to remove the following condition included in the motion under Article 1 to appropriate money at the November 1994 Special Town Meeting to repair the Bean Brook Bridge located in the Town of Orford:

"The cost of any upgrading of the replacement bridge required to meet the needs of new development North of the bridge shall be paid by the developer - and not by the Town."

COMMENT: The above condition simply describes a New Hampshire law which protects taxpayers and is a part of the Town of Piermont's Subdivision regulations. A lawsuit has been filed against the towns of Orford and Piermont by Barbara Veghte Fowler and Richard Fowler, the landowners north of the bridge, claiming that this condition is illegal. The Town must now defend this lawsuit in Grafton Superior Court. Deleting the condition passed at the prior special town meeting would simplify the Town's defense for the lawsuit. The Selectmen recommend that this Town Meeting delete the condition passed at the special town meeting of November 10,1994.

Motion was made to bring up discussion by James Lambert, Seconded by Peter Mazzilli Sr.

DISCUSSION FOLLOWED; Frank Rodimon Jr asks who had this line put into the original article in November? Selectmen stated legal council.

Are we paying for this deletion too? No, Selectmen copied wording from Orfords town meeting.

Walter Rodimon asked what is status on bridge. The bridge is usable, open and complete. It ended up being a steel arch on concrete embankments. As it stands Piermont's share will be \$12,000 or less.

Helga Mueller asks how this will simplify the lawsuit? It will eliminate 3 out of 4 items being sued on.

Will this stop suit? Have to take one step at time.

Dot Rodimon asked are we still liable for suit? Yes, doing this we eliminate 3 out of 4 items, still liable for item concerning plowing Cole Hill Road in winter. But at Town Meeting the Town voted to close at request of Barbara Fowler for winter so we should sit pretty good on this item.

Peter Mazzilli Sr moves motion.

Selectmen stated that Orford passed this amendment at their Special Town Meeting.

PASSED 15 YES 0 NO

ARTICLE TWO: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.
Mrs Hobbs asked if the road to Clay Hollow cemetery could be graded there is a hump in the middle of road. Road Agent says he tried to grade for last funeral but trees are too close. Cemetery trustees, Selectmen and himself decided that it would be too drastic a change to cut trees, so will do the best without hurting the cemetery and area.

Motion made to close by Peter Mazzilli Sr, Seconded by Frank Rodimon JR
Adjourned at 7:15

Respectively submitted, Town Clerk, Piermont, N.H. Linda Lambert

**WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF PIERMONT**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Piermont, New Hampshire, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Piermont, New Hampshire, will be held at the Piermont Village School on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects.

Polls will be located in the Piermont Village School and will be open at 11:00 a.m. for voting by Official Ballot and will close at 7:00 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Piermont Village School.

ARTICLE ONE: (By Official Ballot) To vote by Official Ballot for the following Town officers:

One Selectman to serve for a term of three years.

A Moderator to serve for a term of two year.

One Road Agent to serve for a term of three years.

One Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three years.

One Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of two years.

Two Library Trustees to serve for a term of three years.

Two Library Trustees to serve for a term of two years.

A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one year.

One Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of five years.

And such other officers required to be elected by Official Ballot.

ARTICLE TWO: To raise and appropriate \$111,276 appearing in the Town Budget as necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year, divided as follows and subject to any adjustment which may be voted upon at this Meeting:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGETED CHARGE</u>
Officers' Salaries	\$ 17,000
Officers' Expenses	11,500
Auditor Expense	4,300
Election/Registration	1,200
Town Buildings	20,000
Tax Map	600
Contingency	1,500
Insurance	14,000
Planning Board	1,000
Legal and Damages	4,000
Solid Waste Disposal	26,726
Street Lights/Blinker	3,500
Public Welfare	2,000
Memorial Day	250
Recreation and Swimming Pool	1,200
Interest	2,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	500
TOTAL TOWN CHARGES	\$111,276

Warrant Continued:

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$61,000 for the purpose of maintaining highways and bridges.

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$22,598, for the purpose of maintaining highways and bridges, being the Highway Department State subsidy. (This money is received each year from the State and is used for the Highway Department.)

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the Police Department.

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$11,600 for the support of the Fire Department.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,513 for Ambulance, Fire and Police dispatching services.

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$13,000 for support of the Library.

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,200 for Cemeteries.

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,428 for the Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$580 to pay Piermont's share of the cost as a member of Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council.

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$300 for the White Mountain Mental Health Center.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$425 for the support of the Community Action Outreach Program.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the Town will authorize the selective cutting of timber/firewood on Town-owned land on the Bedford Road and to see what sum the Town will appropriate from the proceeds of such cutting for the construction of trails, subject to the supervision of the Conservation Commission, for hiking, horseback riding, snowmobiling and other recreation uses, and the Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to execute all documents and take all action as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of any vote under this Article. Any proceeds not appropriated for such trails shall be paid into the General Fund

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to

Warrant Continued:

complete the closure of the Town Dump in accordance with state and federal regulations; authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for any grant available from state or federal or private source, to receive and expend such grant funds and to take all action as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this article, and, further, the Selectmen are authorized to borrow funds in anticipation of state aid as provided in RSA chapter 33. This article is designated by the Board of Selectmen as a special non-lapsing warrant article (RSA 32:7, VI) and this appropriation shall expended for this purpose not later than 12/31/98.

Selectmen: For 3 Against 0

(Comment: The closure of the Town Dump is in its final phase and the work is anticipated to extend beyond 1996. The Selectmen have designated the article as a special warrant article so that this appropriation may be carried over from year to year until the deadline. It is anticipated that the Town will obtain a state grant for a large part of this expense.)

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,973.12 as Piermont's share for Upper Valley Ambulance Inc.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be expended for the repair of fire ponds to improve fire protection and authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for a grant from the US Natural Resources Conservation Service for \$500 to be used for this purpose, such funds to be expended by the Fire Department.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1000 for the Grafton Senior Citizen Council.

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$902 for the restoration and preservation of Town records.

ARTICLE TWENTY: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$125 for the purpose of microfilming one book of Town records for the preservation and protection of Town historical documents.

ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE: (By petition) To see if the Town will vote to take over, maintain and designate as Town roads the sections called Bluebird Way and Armington loop, totaling approximately one half mile of road.

(Legal Comment: The Selectmen have received the following legal comment. The Annual Town Meeting in 1994, under Article 37, voted as provided in RSA 674:40-a to delegate authority to the Board of Selectmen to accept the proposed offer to dedicate land for public highways.)

ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$624 to contribute to a local or regional household hazardous waste collection project. The

project will encourage the proper disposal of hazardous household wastes such as paint thinners, solvents and pesticides and seek to educate citizens about the adverse environmental consequences of improper household hazardous waste disposal.

Selectmen: For 3 Against 0

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(Comment: A majority of the Board of Library Trustees and the Board of Selectmen are agreed that it would be in the best interests of the Town for the Library to move to the Old Church Building and for the Town to appropriate money to make the necessary improvements, as requested in Article 26.)

Selectmen: For 3 Against 0

ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT: (By petition) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$450 to help promote and fund a "1776 Colonial Re-enactment" with muskets, black powder, cannon, fifes and drums, and bagpipes, to take place in the summer of 1996 as a Piermont celebration. (This event will be like the June 29 Battle of Fairlee at Fairlee, Vermont.) Organized by Bill Sharp, by petition.

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Warrant Continued:

Selectmen to accept the provision of RSA 31:19 providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19.

ARTICLE THIRTY: To see if the Town will vote to establish the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of replacing and maintaining Town bridges and to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be paid into this new Fund, and further to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents of the Town to expend money from this Fund without further vote of Town Meeting but only for the purposes of paying for the repair and maintenance of Town bridges.

(Comment: The Selectmen are asking for authority to spend money from this new capital reserve fund without a further vote of the Town Meeting because there are occasions during the year when money must be spent to fix a Town bridge and such expenditure cannot wait for the Annual Town Meeting or for a Special Town Meeting.)

Selectmen:

For 3

Against 0

ARTICLE THIRTY-ONE: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the land and buildings containing the Town Hall upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems to be in the best interests of the Town, and further, to see what sum the Town will appropriate to pay for expenses relating to such sale, including a professional appraisal, and the Selectmen shall have the authority to take all action and sign all documents as may be necessary to carry out this vote.

ARTICLE THIRTY-TWO: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the net proceeds resulting from the sale of the Town Hall to be paid into the Town Building Capital Reserve Fund.

Selectmen:

For 3

Against 0

ARTICLE THIRTY-THREE: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expansion of the White Mountain National Forest Proclamation Boundary to allow the United States to acquire up to 3,938 acres +/- of land presently owned by the Lake Tarleton Land Management Corporation and/or Someplace(s) Different Inc., which lies to the north of Route 25C including land around Lake Tarleton west of the Piermont/Warren Town Line, and south of Route 25C around Lake Katherine, to the west of Lake Armington, and to the north of Mt. Piermont.

ARTICLE THIRTY-FOUR: To see if the Town will vote to establish the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA Chapter 35 for the purpose of financing all or part of the cost of a Town-wide revaluation of real estate for tax purposes and to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be paid into this new fund, and further to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents of the Town to expend money from this fund without further vote of Town Meeting

but only for the purposes of paying for the cost of such revaluation.

For 3

Against 0

ARTICLE THIRTY-FIVE: To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Given under our hand and seal of the Town of Piermont this 24 day of February, 1996.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Margaret Ritchie Cleaves
Jean D. Daley
Robert J. Lang

A true copy attest:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Margaret Ritchie Cleaves
Jean D. Daley
Robert J. Lang

We hereby attest that the within Warrant is a true copy of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting described therein and further certify that we have caused to be posted an attested copy of this Warrant at the place of the Meeting and a like copy at one other public place in the Town of Piermont, namely the U.S. Post Office, fourteen days before the day of the Meeting, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Margaret Ritchie Cleaves
Jean D. Daley
Robert J. Lang

This Warrant and Return of Warrant have been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Piermont, New Hampshire, this 24 day of February, 1996.

Town Clerk

SUMMARY OF BUDGET FOR 1996

Town Charges	\$ 111,276
Highways and Bridges	61,000
Highway Department/State Subsidy	22,598*
Police Department	5,000
Fire Department	11,600
Ambulance, Fire and Police Dispatching	1,513
Library	13,000
Cemeteries	10,200**
Fire Ponds	1,000***
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	2,428
Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council	580
White Mountain Mental Health	300
Community Action Outreach Program	425
Upper Valley Ambulance Service	8,973
Grafton Senior Citizens Council	1,000
Microfilm Town Books	125
Hazardous Waste Collection	624
Dump Closure	30,000
Summer Concerts	500
Colonial Re-enactment	450
Town Vehicular Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	5,000
Town Building Improvement Capital Reserve Fund	5,000
Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	5,000
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	5,000
Restoration of Town Records	902
Fire Truck Note	<u>14,100</u>
 Town Subtotal	 \$ 317,594
Estimate of County Tax	70,000
School District Budget (Estimated)	<u>881,767</u>
 TOTAL OF TOWN, COUNTY AND SCHOOL	 <u><u>\$1,269,361</u></u>

* No taxes raised - paid by State

** Town raises by taxes \$7,200

Balance from Cemetery Trust Fund

*** Town raises by taxes \$500

Balance from a grant

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF PIERMONT, N.H.

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	Actual Appropriations <u>1995</u>	Expenditures <u>1995</u>	Appropriation <u>1996</u>
General Government:			
Town Officers Salaries	16,000	17,235.93	17,000
Town Officers Expenses	11,500	11,826.49	11,500
Election & Registration Exp	1,200	940.74	1,200
Expenses Town Buildings	20,000	17,158.08	20,000
Auditor Expense	0.00	0.00	4,300
MicroCopy Town Records	1,148	1,233.25	125
Restoration-Town Records	800	910.00	902
Police Department	5,000	2,338.65	5,000
Fire Dept. inc. Forest Fires	11,550	10,235.01	11,600
Planning & Zoning	1,000	538.78	1,000
Insurance	16,000	12,648.00	14,000
Update Tax Map	600	550.00	600
UVLSC	580	580.00	580
Health Department:			
Solid Waste Disposal	29,759	27,400.39	26,726
Dispatch Services	1,506	1516.46	1,513
VNAVTH	2,328	2,328.00	2,428
White Mt. Mental Health	300	300.00	300
UVA, Inc.	7,488	7,488.00	8,973
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maintenance	58,000	60,166.74	61,000
Street Lighting	3,500	3,307.55	3,500
General Exp-Highway Dept.	22,792	22,915.34	22,598
Library:	13,000	13,000.00	13,000
Welfare	2,000	246.22	2,000
Community Action	400	400.00	425
Grafton Senior Citizen Council	812	812.00	1,000
Memorial Day	250	240.00	250
Rec. Field & Swimming Pool	1,500	637.03	1,200
Cemeteries	13,950	13,950.00	10,200

Budget Continued:

Unclassified:

Damages & Legal Expenses	2,500	2,722.96	4,000
Contingency Fund	1,500	537.83	1,500
Dump Closure Project	0	248.87	30,000
Taxes Bought by Town	0	90,138.89	0
Hazardous Waste Collection	477	477.00	624
Law Books	1,000	1,040.00	0
Culverts	6,000	6,000.00	0
Fie Ponds	0	0	1,000
Summer Concert	0	0	500
Colonial Re-Enactment	0	0	450
Capital Reserves	10,000	10,000.00	15,000
Misc. Unclassified Expense	500	5,497.82	500
Orford Bridge Replacement	20,000	11,334.43	0
Interest on Temp. Loans	5,000	0	2,000
Fire Truck Payment	0	14,088.49	14,100
Taxes Paid to County	70,000	64,477.00	70,000
Payment to School District	788,751	633,976.00	881,767
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	1,242,343	1,071,441.95	1,264,361

	Estimated Revenue 1995	Actual Revenue 1995	Estimated Revenue 1996
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
<u>From Local Taxes:</u>			
Resident Taxes	4,000	4,628.09	4,000
Yield Taxes	9,000	25,158.28	9,000
Resident Tax Penalties	0	62.00	0
Property Taxes	800,000	1,030,070.50	850,000
Current Use Changes	0	14,529.33	0
Interest	0	24,448.43	0
Rooms & Meals Tax(State Grant)	20,000	26,294.59	20,000
Highway Grant	22,792	22,915.34	22,792
Reimb. a/c St-Fed. Forest Land	250	149.07	200
Sale of Town Property	0	4,000.00	0
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	47,000	61,153.00	50,000
Dog Licenses	350	1,049.50	450
Business Lic,Permits,Filing	100	472.50	100
Rent of Town Property	500	660.00	500
Income from Trust Funds	14,000	14,561.07	14,000
Interest on Deposits	3,500	6,587.14	5,000
All Other Receipts	500	11,525.29	500
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS	922,492	1,308,264.21	976,542

1995 SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land		
Current Use (at C.U. values)	485,757	
Conservation Restriction(at C.U.val)	83,618	
Residential	4,309,677	
Commercial/Industrial	270,910	
Building Residential	12,943,430	
Manufactured Housing	233,780	
Commercial/Industrial	759,538	
Public Utilities Electric (includes Phone)	1,230,081	
Valuation Before Exemptions		\$20,316,791
Elderly Exemptions	233,600	
Solar Exemptions	1,950	
Total Exemptions		235,550
Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is computed		20,081,241
Utilities		
Central Vermont Public Service	4,367	
Connecticut Valley Electric Co.	350,754	
Piermont Hydro	236,550	
New England Power Co.	385,830	
New England Telephone	14,050	
New Hampshire Electric Coop.	238,530	
Total	1,230,081	
Number of Inventories Distributed in 1995		438
Date of Mailing 1995 Inventories		March 18
Number of Inventories Returned in 1995		419
Number of Individuals Granted Elderly Exemptions		17
Number of Individuals Granted Solar Exemptions		1
Number of Property Owners Who Applied for Curent Use		1

1995 STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATE

Gross Property Tax	893,816
Less War Service Credits	(5,200)
Net Property Tax Commitments	888,616
Net School Appropriations	750,400
County Tax Assessment	63,488

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT
OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31, 1995**

Title of Appropriations	Total Amt. Available	Expend- itures	Unexpended Balance	Over Draft
Town Officers Salaries	16,000	17,235.93		1,235.93
Town Officers Expenses	11,500	11,826.49		326.49
Election & Reg. Exp.	1,500	940.74	559.26	
Expenses of Town Bldgs.	20,000	17,158.08	2,841.92	
Restoration Town Records	800	910.00		110.00
Police Department	5,000	2,338.65	2,661.35	
Fire Department	11,550	10,235.01	1,314.99	
Planning & Zoning	1,000	538.78	461.22	
Insurance	16,000	12,648.00	3,352.00	
Update Tax Map	600	550.00	50.00	
UVLSC	580	580.00		
Solid Waste Disposal	29,759	27,400.39	2,358.61	
Dispatch Services	1,506	1,516.46		10.46
VNAV TNH	2,328	2,328.00		
White Mtn. Mental Hlth	300	300.00		
Law Books	1,000	1,040.00	40.00	
UVA, Inc.	7,488	7,488.00		
Highways & Bridges	58,000	60,166.74		2,166.74
Street Lighting	3,500	3,307.55	192.45	
Library	13,000	13,000.00		
Welfare	2,000	246.22	1,753.78	
Community Action	400	400.00		
Grafton Senior Citizen	812	812.00		
Memorial Day	250	240.00	10.00	
Rec. Field & Swimming Pool	1,500	637.03	862.97	
*Cemeteries	13,950	10,950.00		
Contingency Fund	1,500	537.83	962.17	
Damages & Legal	2,500	2,722.96		222.96
**Dump Closure Project	0	5,236.82		248.87
Misc. Unanticipated Expenses	500	5,497.82		4,997.82
Orford Bridge Replacement	20,000	11,334.43	8,665.57	
Culverts	6,000	6,000.00		
Interest on Temporary Loans	5,000	0.00	5,000.00	
Fire Truck Payment	0	14,088.49		14,088.49
Capital Reserves	10,000	10,000.00		
Taxes Paid to County	70,000	64,477.00	5,523.00	
TOTALS	335,823	324,689.42	36,569.29	33,423.66 3,145.63

Comparative Statement Continued:

*The balance of this account comes from the Cemetery Fund Monies and is spent so that there is no unexpended balance.

**The sum of \$4,987.95 was a carryover balance from 1987 when \$50,000 was appropriated to fund the Dump Closure Project. The balance came from taxes.

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Building	69,950
Furniture & Equipment	8,500
Libraries, lands and Buildings	77,750
Furniture & Equipment	4,000
Fire Department, Lands/Buildings-Town Garage	7,000
Equipment	165,000
Old Church, Lands and Buildings	60,000
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	2,500
Schools, Lands and Buildings, Equipment	800,000
Cemeteries	50,000
Piermont Sewage District Land	5,200
Fire Pond	200
Connecticut River Lot (School Lot)	16,000
Sarah Moore Lot	13,600
Open Space Lot (Glebe Lot)	<u>16,300</u>
TOTAL	1,414,100

FINANCIAL REPORT
of the Town of Piermont, N.H.
County of Grafton
For the Calendar Year ended December 31, 1995

ASSETS

Cash:		
In the Hands of the Treasurer		365,855.30
In the Hands of Others:		
Highway Subsidy	169.78	
Road Agents Account	1,011.04	
Sewage Account	5,298.00	
Library Account	100.00	
Trustee's Account	503.38	
Total Other		7,082.20
Total Cash		372,937.50
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Town Building Capital Res.	21,922.24	
Town Equipment	2,385.79	
Sewage District	30,663.70	
School Bldg. CapImpr.	<u>56,681.50</u>	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		111,653.23
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1994 & Prior	40,711.91	
Sewer Rents, 1994 & Prior	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Unredeemed Taxes		40,711.91
Uncollected Taxes -Levy of 1995		
Property		113,706.01
Resident		151.91
Current Use	0.00	
Yield	355.66	
Sewer Rents	<u>189.70</u>	
Total Uncollected Taxes		114,403.28
Total Unredeemed and Uncollected Taxes		155,115.19
GRAND TOTAL OF ASSETS		639,705.92
Fund Balance -Dec. 31, 1995	70,259.91	
Fund Balance -Dec. 31, 1994	109,406.35	
Change in Financial Condition	(39,146.44)	
(Decrease in Fund Balance)		

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Unexpended State Highway Subs Fnds	169.78	
1995 Encumbered	1,872.00	
School District Tax Payable	<u>455,751.00</u>	
Total Accounts Owed by the Town		457,792.78
Capital Reserve Funds		
Town Building Capital Reserve	21,922.24	
Town Equipment	2,385.79	
Sewage District	30,663.70	
School Building Cap Imp	<u>56,681.50</u>	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		<u>111,653.23</u>
Total Liabilities		569,446.01
Fund Balance Current Surplus		<u>70,259.90</u>
GRAND TOTAL		
639,705.92		

PAYMENTS

General Government		
Town Officers' Salaries	17,235.93	
Town Officers' Expenses	11,826.49	
Election and Registration	940.74	
Tax Map	550.00	
Town Hall and Other Bldgs.	17,158.08	
Capital Reserve Funds	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total General Governmental Expenses		57,711.24
Protection of Persons and Property		
Police	2,338.65	
Planning Board	538.78	
Fire, Incl.Forest Fire	10,235.01	
Insurance	12,648.00	
Dispatch	<u>1,516.46</u>	
Total Protection Expense		27,276.90
Health and Sanitation		
Health Including Hospitals	2,328.00	
Town Trash Removal & Recycling	<u>27400.39</u>	
Total Health Expense		39,728.39
Highways and Bridges		
Town Maintenance	60,166.74	
Highway Subsidy	22,915.34	

Financial Report Continued:

Street Lighting	<u>3,307.55</u>	
Total Highways and Bridges Expenses		86,389.63
Library		13,000.00
Public Welfare		
Town Poor	246.22	
Ambulance	7,488.00	
White Mtn.Mental Health	300.00	
Grafton Senior Citizen Council	812.00	
Community Action	<u>400.00</u>	
Total Public Welfare		9,246.22
Patriotic -Memorial Day		240.00
Recreation		637.03
Cemeteries		10,300.00
Unclassified:		
Damages, Legal & Dog Damages	2,722.96	
Taxes Bought by Town	90,138.89	
Other	<u>271,331.46</u>	
Total Unclassified Payments		364,193.31
Interest	0.00	
Indebtedness Payments		
Temporary Loans	0.00	
Bonds and Term Notes	<u>14,088.49</u>	
Total Indebtedness Payments		14,088.49
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		
County	67,477.00	
School District	<u>633,976.00</u>	
Total Payments to Other Government Divisions		<u>698,453.00</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>1,308,264.21</u>
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1994	223,000.90	
GRAND TOTAL		1,531,265.11

RECEIPTS

From Local Taxes		
Property	941,747.07	
Resident	4,628.09	
Yield	25,158.28	
Current Use	14,529.33	
Interest and Costs	24,448.43	
Tax Sales Redeemed	88,323.51	
Penalties	<u>62.00</u>	
Total Collected		1,098,896.70
Recycling Fees and Sales		1,689.45
Block Grant-Highway Subsidy		22,915.34
From State		26,443.66
From Local Sources Except Taxes		
Dog Licenses	1,049.50	
Business Lic, Permits & Fees	809.45	
Rent of Town Property	660.00	
Sale of Town Property	4,000.00	
Interest on Deposits	6,587.14	
Income from Mutual Funds	14,561.07	
Motor Vehicle Registration	61,153.00	
Fire Department Donation	5,000.00	
Insurance Rebate	2,610.55	
Forestry Reimbursement	558.45	
Other	<u>1,329.89</u>	
		98,319.05
Receipts -Other Than Current Revenue		
Fire Truck Loan		<u>60,000.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES		1,308,264.21
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1995		223,000.90
GRAND TOTAL		1,531,265.11

TOWN CLERKS REPORT 1995

SUBMITTED TO TREASURER

Motor Vehicle Registrations (945)	61,007.00
Motor Vehicle Titles (94)	146.00
Dog Licenses (94)	966.50
Fees, Penalties	83.00
Other(Fees, Permits, Zoning Bks,etc.)	<u>152.25</u>
	62,354.75

REMINDER***ALL DOGS OVER 3 MONTHS OLD ARE TO BE LICENSED.
1996 TAGS ARE IN AND AVAILABLE NOW

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31, 1995

Uncollected Taxes - Beg. of Year**:

Property Taxes	154,148.89
Resident Taxes	670.00
Land Use Change	14,100.00
Yield Taxes	16,385.03

Revenues Committed - This Year:

Property Taxes	919,191.65
Resident Taxes	4,420.00
Land Use Change	0.00
Yield Taxes	13,647.13

Overpayment:

Property Taxes	1385.48
Resident Taxes	40.00
Adjustment	83.90

Interest Coll. on Delinquent Tax 12,727.68

Collected Resident Tax Penalties 60.00

TOTAL DEBITS 951,555.84 185,303.92

**This amount should be the same as last year's ending balance.

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes	939,901.40
Resident Taxes	4,628.09
Sewer District Taxes	8,120.30
Land Use Taxes	14,100.00
Yield Taxes	25,158.28
Interest	12,727.68
Penalties	60.00

Abatements Made:

Property Taxes	21,087.61
Resident Taxes	350.00
Yield Taxes	4,602.12

Uncollected Rev. - End of Year

Property Taxes	113,703.01
Resident Taxes	151.91
Land Use Change	00.00
Sewer District Taxes	187.70
Yield Taxes	<u>355.66</u>

TOTAL CREDITS	1,145,133.60
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Tax Sale/Lien on Account of Levies

Unredeemed Taxes: Bal. at Beg. of Fiscal Year	36,973.76
Liens Sold or Executed During Fiscal Year	91,678.94
Interest Collected After Sale/Lien Execution	<u>12,090.70</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	140,743.40

CREDITS

Remittance to Treasurer:

Redemptions	87,604.10
Interest/Costs (After Sale or Lien Execution)	12,362.60
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	64.79
Unredeemed Taxes on Initial Sale/Lien	<u>40,711.91</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	140,743.40

Linda Lambert, Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

Taxes - Current Year

Property	791,838.68
Resident	4,118.09
Current Use	0.00
Yield	7,789.35
Penalties and Interest	1,009.53

Taxes - Prior Years

Property	149,908.39
Interest on Property Tax	9,305.08
Resident	510.00
Resident Tax Penalties	62.00
Current Use	14,529.33
Yield Tax	17,368.93
Yield Tax Costs and Interest	2,042.10
Redemptions	88,323.51
Interest on Redemptions	12,091.72
Costs on Redemptions	0.00
Current Use Costs	0.00
Current Use Application Fees	0.00

State and Federal

Revenue Distribution	26,294.59
Block Grant	22,915.34
In Lieu of Taxes	149.07
Forestry	558.45

Other Sources

Rent of Town Property	660.00
Motor Vehicles	61,153.00
Subdivision Fees	0.00
Dog Licenses and Fees	1,049.50
Pistol Permits	100.00
Recycling	1,689.45
Filing Fees	128.30
Clark Fund	14,561.07
Bad Check Penalties	100.00
Planning Board/ZBA Reimbursements	85.00
Zoning Permits and Fees	100.00

Treasurer's Report Continued:

Fire Truck Note	60,000.00
Fire Dept.Donation	5,000.00
Copier Fees	38.25
Interest	6,587.14
Gift	100.00
Library-Electricity	544.68
Insurance Rebate	2,610.55
Sale of Fire Trucks	4,000.00
Other	943.11646.96
Total Receipts	1,308,264.21
Beginning Balance	<u>223,000.90</u>
Total	1,531,265.11
Less Expenditure	<u>1,165,409.88</u>
Balance, December 31, 1995	365,855.30

James A. Lambert, Treas.; Town of Piermont

STATEMENT OF ORDERS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN ON TREASURER

Town Officers' Salaries

Margaret Ritchie Cleaves	Selectman	1,500.00
Jean D. Daley	Selectman	1,500.00
Robert J. Lang	Selectman	1,500.00
Linda Lambert	Town Clerk	4,961.00
Suzanne Woodard	Asst. Town Clerk	429.00
Linda Lambert	Tax Collector	4,466.00
James Lambert	Tax Collector	800.00
Jean D. Daley	Bookkeeper	800.00
Fred Shipman	Trust Fund Trustee	<u>150.00</u>
Total		17,171.00

Town Officers' Expenses

Edwin Blaisdell DVM	66.00
Fletcher Printing	2,448.54
Dept. Agriculture	290.00.
CPI Printing	33.59
GBF Info-tax bills	245.73
Gem Forms	412.59
GBF Info Sys	285.07
Homestead Press	74.68
Jean Daley	339.53
Journal Opinion	63.25
Linda Lambert	384.34
Loring Short & Harman	274.50
Business Mgt. Sys	683.60
Michie Butterworth	33.49
Markem	152.47
J M Nursery	20.00
Margaret R. Cleaves	55.85
NE Assoc. of Town Clerks	15.00
NET/AT&T	698.03
NH Assoc. of Town Clerks	60.00
NH Assessing Officials	20.00
NH Tax Collectors Assoc.	15.00
NHMA	500.00
Postmaster	1097.85
Norcross Office	15.90
National Market Reports	59.00
Northeast Pub. Group	133.89
Registry of Deeds	316.71
Robert Lang	12800
Sheratin	160.00
Spaulding Co.	300.00
Tuck Press	76.00
Trend Business Forms	99.13
TwinState Typewriter	74.12
U S Postal Svc	719.00

Statement of Orders Continued:

TwinState Type	312.32	
Valley News	7.25	
Youth Safety Co.	74.66	
Wayne Godfrey	139.50	
Suzanne Woodard	155.99	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings	<u>1,443.58</u>	
Total		11,826.49

Election and Registration

Everett Jesseman	80.00	
Charlotte Wilson	80.00	
Myron Mueller	80.00	
Suzanne Woodward	80.00	
Elizabeth Trussell	40.00	
Carlyle Meacham	80.00	
Lawrence Underhill	130.00	
W. Alfred Stevens	25.00	
James Lambert	140.98	
Dean Osgood	115.00	
Four Corners Store	18.51	
Linda Lambert	149.50	
Tuck Press	197.00	
Piermont Village School	17.50	
Vea Jenks	27.25	
Pearl Smith	385.00	
Total		1,530.74

Statement of Orders Continued:

Town Buildings

Perry's Oil	Repair	28.00	
Perry's Oil	Town Hall	1,131.59	
Perry's Oil	Church Bldg	49.46	
CVEC	Town Bldg	2,137.22	
CVEC	Town Hall	361.54	
John Metcalf	Labor	1,712.80	
WGSB	FICA	144.91	
Oakes Bros., Inc.	Materials	38.52	
Sewage District	Sewer Charge	1,320.00	
ADT	Electrical	194.72	
Four Corners	Supplies	15.18	
Hood Plumbing	Town Hall	189.25	
Robert Lang	Labor	687.32	
Mazzilli & Sons,. Inc.	Maintenance	263.00	
Shur Fire Electric	Electrical	715.11	
Terry Robie	Ramp	2,760.00	
Terry Robie	Roofing	3818.00	
Yankee Electric	Electrical	55.80	
Jim French Mechanical	Maintenance	<u>1,284.94</u>	
Total			17,158.08

Restoration of Town Records	910.00
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Police Department

Four Corners Store	15.00	
W. R. Deal	<u>2,323.65</u>	
Total		2,338.65

Planning and Zoning Boards

UVLSRPC	60.00	
Tuck Press	76.00	
Helga Mueller	178.34	
Terry Robie	80.00	
Woodsville Guaranty Bank	5.74	
NHMA	10.00	
Postmaster	8.00	
Registry of Deeds	12.32	
Journal Opinion	<u>82.88</u>	
Total		538.78

Statement of Orders Continued:

Fire Department

Al Stevens	Fire Warden & Training	389.08	
Advanced Fire	Testing	93.25	
American Rural Fire	Chains	1,613.19	
Bly Communication	Battery	120.00	
B&S Industries	Helmit Lights	227.83	
CVEC	electricity	827.12	
Conway Assoc.	Supplies	131.00	
David "Tim" Cole	Fire Chief Salary	600.00	
Don's Auto	Repairs/Inspections	756.47	
Fairlee F.D.	Compressor	250.00	
Fire Barn	Hose	207.47	
Fire Hose Repair	Repairs	132.00	
Four Corners Service	Gasoline	346.39	
MiniMart	Diesel Fuel	130.19	
Merriam Graves	oxygen	22.10	
NET/AT&T	telephone	423.27	
Orford Service Center	Batteries	75.95	
Oakes Bros..	Training	24.33	
Pitcomm	Truck Service	177.00	
Fire Dept.	Payroll	1,858.50	
Payroll Taxes	FICA	188.08	
Perry's Oil	prepay fuel	593.33	
R&R Commun	Contract/Repairs	451.66	
Shur Auto Parts	Parts	172.80	
Wayne Godfrey	Training	25.00	
Twin State Mutual Aid	Batteries	69.00	
Twin State MutualAid	Dues	200.00	
UVRESA	Dues	<u>130.00</u>	
Total			10,235.01

Statement of Orders Continued:

Insurance

N.H.M.A.	9,315.00	
River Valley Ins..	615.00	
Liberty Mutual-W.C.	34.00	
CFNH-W.C.	<u>2,684.00</u>	
Total		12,648.00

Solid Waste Disposal

Floyd Marsh	1,940.00	
NH Treasurer	100.00	
CVEC	225.62	
Oakes Bros	38.06	
Paul Pushee	1,177.98	
Robert Lang	143.75	
Jim French	172.85	
Waste Mgt. NH	10,276.45	
Wayne Godfrey	1,617.75	
No. Country Envir.	11,026.42	
Tuck Press	38.00	
WGSB	213.53	
Wholesale Supply	<u>429.98</u>	
Total		27,400.39

Dispatch Service		1,516.46
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH		2,328.00
White Mountain Mental Health		300.00
Ambulance Service		7,478.00
Highway Department		
Payroll	43,625.87	
Expenses	16,540.87	
Total		60,166.74
Street Lights		3,307.55
Highway Subsidy		22,792.34
Welfare		246.22
Community Action Outreach		400.00
Grafton Senior Citizen Council		812.00
Memorial Day		
Wreaths	40.00	
Lyme Town Band	<u>200.00</u>	
Total		240.00

Statement of Orders Continued:

Recreation Field & Swimming Pool		
Jay's Portable Toilets	170.00	
John Metcalf	195.55	
Robert Lang.	97.98	
WGSB	7.50	
Terry Robie	150.00	
NH Dept. of Environmental Serv	<u>16.00</u>	
Total		637.03
Cemeteries		10,300.00
Damages & Legal Expense		2,722.96
Contingency Fund		537.83
Miscellaneous Unclassified Expense		5,497.82
Temporary Loans-Interest		.00
Grader Payment		11,334.43
County Tax		64,477.00
School District		663,976.00
Library		13,000.00

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Regular Account - 1995 Highway Expenditures

Labor

Peter F. Mazzilli, Sr.	10,325.51	
Bruce Towle	9,492.50	
Jeff Huntington	1,760.00	
Chris Davidson	1,251.25	
Beverly Mazzilli	120.00	
Paul Pushee	106.75	
Josh Lang	120.00	
Robert Lang	127.50	
Michelle Oakes	16.00	
Jeff Huntington	710.00	
Peter F. Mazzilli, Jr.	20.00	
FICA	<u>1,704.55</u>	
		24,000.06

Equipment

P.F.Mazzilli & Son	13,602.50	
Lawrence Underhill	1,365.00	
Northland.	2,240.00	
Bruce Towle	<u>30.00</u>	
		17,237.50

Services:

Blaktop	paving	2,190.81	
F	welding	<u>197.50</u>	
			2,388.31

Expenses

Cargill	Salt	2,47.582	
Four Corners	Gas	76.12	
Perry;s Oil	Fuel	786.32	
Shur Auto	Parts/Oil	435.63	
Oakes Bros.	misc.	386.27	
WB&RL Martin	gravel	6,434.04	
CVEC.	electricity	333.16	
Brown's	Cal	993.52	
H P Fairfield	Parts	130.62	
Atlantic Broom	Parts	75.32	
Morrill	Gravel	318.50	
Hilltop Sand	Gravel	283.00	
Lawson	Parts	208.84	
Gains Tire	Grader Tires	1,244.00	
Jordon Milton	Parts	126.26	
Mt.Carr Pine	Bridge Plank	819.34	
Jeff's Equip	Battery	69.95	

Road Agent's Report Continued:

Kibby	Parts	199.00	
Miscellaneous		1,373.40	
			16,540.87
TOTAL BUDGET		58,000.00	
Total Expended 1993		<u>60,166.74</u>	
Over Run		2,166.74	

SUBSIDY ACCOUNT

Budget	1995		<u>22,915.34</u>
Expended - 1995			
Equipment:			
Peter F. Mazzilli & Son		<u>7,772.50</u>	7,772.50
Services:			
Blaktop	Paving	16342.79	
Whitcher	Mowing	<u>1,390.00</u>	
			12,732.79
Supplies:			
Perry's	Fuel	249.42	
Hilltop Sand	Gravel	747.00	
Morrill	Gravel	136.50	
Tool Barn	Pump Rent	126.00	
Oakes	Misc.	190.31	
Browns	Culvert	239.85	
Shur Auto Parts	Parts	51.38	
WB&RL Martin	Gravel	<u>499.81</u>	
			<u>2,240.27</u>
	Expended 1995		22,745.56
	Balance 1996		169.78

Road Agent's Report Continued:

Projects Worked on in 1995:

1. Replaced deck to School Lot
2. Replaced Bridge to Piermont Heights with culvert
3. Paved the rest of the hills on Indian Pond Road
4. New deck on Rodimon bridge

Projects proposed for 1996:

1. Guard rails and headers on Piermont Heights
2. Paving Lily Pond Road
3. Bridge repairs to Rodimon bridge
4. Clean up and repairs due to heavy rains.

Well, so far, it has been an interesting winter with three heavy rain and wind storms in October and November, more snow than normal in December, then heavy rains and run-off in January with heavy road damage on Davis Road, Piermont Heights, Indian Pond Road, Cape Moomshine and Bedford Road. Temporary repairs were done on Saturday and Sunday with over 200 yards of gravel used and a lot more will be needed in the Spring. Beware this Spring that ditches on hills have undermined and will be dangerous when frost goes out of the ground.

I would like to thank the selectmen for their support over the last seven years and all of the people who supported me in the last two elections. Special thanks to my part-time labor force who were always there, no matter what time of day or night I called them.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter F. Mazzilli, Sr.
Piermont Road Agent

PIERMONT SEWAGE DISTRICT

Financial Reports - 1995 Receipts:

Interest on checking account	99.27	
Rents & Interest Collected	<u>8,435.30</u>	
Total Receipts		8,546.93

Cash on Hand January 1, 1995	3,685.49
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Payments:

John Metcalf	Labor	1,419.00	
WGSB	FICA Expense	119.25	
Bradford WWTF	Testing	860.00	
Boudreault	Pumping Tanks	1,237.50	
CVEC	Electricity	256.31	
Shur Auto	Parts	25.62	
River Valley Inc.	Insurance	100.00	
Jean Daley	Bookkeeping	100.00	
Linda Lambert	Tax Collector	100.00	
Miscellaneous		6.00	
F.H.A.	Loan & Interest		2,710.74

Total Payments	7,033.99
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Cash on Hand December 31, 1995	5,298.00
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Sewage Department - 1996 Budget

Operation & Maintenance:

Operating Supplies	200.00	
Electricity	300.00	
Operator's Salary	1500.00	
FICA Expense	130.00	
Waste Water Testing	900.00	
Insurance	100.00	
Bookkeeping	150.00	
Tax Collector	150.00	
Pumping Tanks	<u>1500.00</u>	
Subtotal		4,930.00
Long Term Debt-FHA	<u>3,000.00</u>	
Total Operation & Maintenance	7,930.00	

Sewage Fees for 1996:

Long Term Debt: 36 Units at \$100	3,600.00	
Operation & Maintenance: 31.25 Units at \$119.00	<u>3,718.75</u>	
Total Sewage Fees		7318.75

PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Financial Report - 1995

Balance December 31, 1994	100.00	
Memorials & Trust Funds - Interest		
Mattoon Funds	1,390.53	
Vanguard	230.14	
Memorials	1,485.	
Use of Facilities	0.00	
Library Services	899.98	
Projects/Programs	2,560.82	
Officer Supplies/Postage	229.26	
Bank interest	50.75	
Conference Reimb.	17.00	
Run, Jump& Read	908.87	
Annual Fund Raiser	1,980.00	
Art Show: Sales/Admis.	713.85	
Encumbered Funds	1,630.07	
Town Appropriation	<u>13,000.00</u>	
Total Receipts		25,096.27

Recapitulation

Income	25,196.27	
Expenses	19,956.78	
Building Fund	3,523.90	
Encumber 1994	<u>1,615.59</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 1995		100.00

EXPENDITURES - 1995	Budget	Expended	Acct. Balance
Employee Expenses	8994	8,767.29	226.71
Library Services	6125	2276.06	548.94
Office Expense	2250	1522.81	727.19
Maintenance	1546	1032.77	513.23
Programs & Mileage	900	672.76	227.24
Utilities	2350	2088.24	261.76
Professional Development	350	213.00	137.00
Misc. Expenditures	185	83.85	101.15
Totals	22700	9956.78	
2743.22			

PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Proposed Budget 1996

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>
Employee Expenses	8,994	8,994
Library Services	6,125	6,1250
Programs	900	900
Office Expense	2,250	.2,250
Maintenance	1,546	.1,546
Utilities	2,350	2,3500
Professional Dev.	355	3550
Misc. Expenses	<u>185</u>	<u>185</u>
Total	22,700.00	22,700.00
Town Support	13,,000.00	13,000
Library Income	9,700.00	9,700

1995 LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

Circulation	Adult Fiction	Nonfiction	Easy/Junior	Paperbacks
1995 Town	1652	1106	1756	156
1995 School	152	520	2280	97
		Magazines	Videos	Tapes
1995 Town		597	1433	251
1995 School		148	57	84

1995 FAST SQUAD REPORT

As always being on the Fast Squad here in this small town is bittersweet. We had 25 calls this last year. Of these calls, most had a good ending, sadly a few did not. It would not be such a bitter pill to swallow if it wasn't a good friend or neighbor that we lost.

The Squad itself suffered a great loss. We lost two valued members last year, both EMTs. Mary Musty and William "Bill" Deal, Capt. Piermont Fast Squad retired, left the Squad for different reasons. Both served the Squad and town faithfully for many years. With their years of experience and expertise they will be greatly missed.

Now for the sweet. Last summer a First Responder course was run at the Piermont Elementary School. As a result we were able to recruit four new members to the Squad. The new members are:

Tom Elliott
Stephanie Gordon
Jim Morel
Ellen Putnam

We welcome the new members and hope for a long, uneventful and successful relationship.

SOP's and by-laws are being worked on along with a mutual aid agreement with Bradford Fast, Haverhill Medical and Warren/Wentworth Rescue. With a mutual aid agreement with these surrounding units, it will afford the town it's best E.M.S. Emergency Medical Service possible.

Being Co. C of the Fire Dept. our budget of \$500 comes from within the fire dept's total budget. This amount basically covers the cost of refilling our oxygen tanks when we empty them.

We are still a true volunteer squad, on call day and night and depend on donations to buy new equipment and supplies.

We still look for new members to build up our numbers. It works well to have members from different walks of life to afford the town it's best coverage at all times.

I look forward to serving the town in the up and coming year. May it be a quiet and peaceful one.

Respectfully,

Larry D. Ackerman Capt. Piermont Fast Squad
January 1996 Co. C. Piermont Fire Department

POLICE REPORT 1995

Police activity continues to show little change year after year-running about 220 to 240 complains per year. This does not necessarily reflect total police activity in the Town-as a number of items are handled directly by State Police, Fish and Game and the Sheriff's Dept. with no feedback to me. They have no particular reason to do so-it works both ways. I don't clutter their hours with every complaint I have-only important ones or where I need assistance, hence the following may not be complete. In 1995 we had 3 burglaries, two thefts and a serious vandalism (to a skidder) One theft-a valuable log splitter was compensated by insurance. I do not know if any progress has been made on the others. Two burglaries and the theft above were in the Lake Armington area-such a quiet spot to burgle especially when the perpetrator seems to know when no one will be home! I suggest investment in some sort of simple alarm system-lights and bells type. These may scare away the inexperienced burglar-a real professional will get what he wants anyway so I suggest you do not leave any items of great value in your homes where all can see them.

Again I express gratitude to the Grafton County Sheriff's Dept. for their continuing education and firearms certification programs. I do not know how we could survive without them.

I am asking for the same amount this year - \$5,000 - although we are well under this amount again.

William R. Deal, Chief
Piermont Police Dept.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Much of 1995 was spent on training with the new Pumper/Tanker which is working out very well for a Fire Department of our size and needs. The old trucks were sold, Tanker for \$1500 and the Pumper for \$2500. Surprisingly both were sold the same day. A big thank you to all of you for voting YES for the new truck and to Russ Priestley for the excellent job of lettering and stripping.

A Junior Firefighter program has been started. The new members are Tim Putnam, Josh Hutchins, Chris Dunbar and Jen Dyer. The Junior members will be given instruction on Basic Fire Behavior, Hand Tools, Fire Extinguishers and Basic Forest Fire Fighting. They have been to the Hanover Dispatch Center in Hanover to get a first hand look at how an emergency call is received and gets to us here in Piermont. We hope to keep the young people interested and in the future becoming regular members of the Department.

911 emergency telephone service started last summer. For the most part it is working well with a few minor problems to work out state wide. Telephone numbers and house numbers have been cross checked with the help of Mary Halloran, a retired New England Telephone worker. Thank you, Mary!

Emergency dispatch service from Hanover will increase by 10% in the cost to us. The last time the Town of Hanover increased the fee to area towns for emergency service dispatch was July 1991. Since this last increase, the Town of Hanover has absorbed the costs for equipment repair and replacement, increases in employee salaries and fringe benefits costs. In addition, vendors have increased maintenance costs a flat 10% per year with a corresponding increase in replacement equipment. Telephone activity for 1995 was 145,950 calls, radio activity was 592,760 calls. Our dispatch center is busy and doing a very professional job.

Something to think about that I have noticed concerning outdoor gas cooking grills. Many people put their grill on the deck or porch area of their home placed up against the outside wall of the house. There have been at least two incidents where the grill has created a large amount of fire, causing a minimal amount of damage to the house. Keep your gas grill away from the wall of your home and a fire extinguisher close by.

A reminder to all, it is a New Hampshire State law that all outdoor burning requires a burning permit from the Fire Warden or his deputy. Failure to do so can result in a fine and the cost of fire extinguishment should the fire get away from you requiring the Fire Dept. to respond. Also smoke detectors are required in all rental property. If you have a rental piece of property this is YOUR responsibility - do it!

Tim Cole, Fire Chief

PROPOSED FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET, 1995

Telephone	500.00
Heat	1,600.00
Electricity	850.00
Gasoline	500.00
Payroll	2400.00
Chief's Salary	600.00
Forestry	500.00
Twin State Mutual Aid	200.00
UVRESA	50.00
FAST Squad Supplies	500.00
Radio Repairs	500.00
Truck Supplies and Repairs	800.00
Air Compressor	250.00
Training	250.00

New Equipment:

Protective clothing	500.00
Pagers	1200.00
Foot Valve	<u>400.00</u>
Total	11,600

FIRE CALLS 1995

1/3	Mutual Aid to Bradford	5/7	Grass Fire
1/12	Chimney Fire	5/29	Mutual Aid to Bradford
1/28	Fire Alarm	6/14	Propane Odor Investigation
2/7	Mutual aid to Haverhill	7/19	Car Accident
2/10	Fire Alarm	6/20	Mutual Aid to Warren
2/24	Car Accident	10/2	Car Fire
4/2	Grass Fire	11/12	Down power lines
4/4	Car Accident	11/25	Stovepipe Problem
4/8	Mutual Aid to Warren	12/20	Car Accident
4/26	Mutual Aid to Haverhill Corners		
Total Calls		19	

PIERMONT PLANNING BOARD

Meetings of the Board are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Village School. The members of the Board at year end were:

Peter LaBounty, Chairman
Katherine Wescott, Vice Chairman
Jean Daley, Ex-officio
Margaret Ritchie Cleaves, alternate ex-officio
Suzanne Woodard Frank Rodimon, Jr.
Robert Michenfelder
Fred Shipman
Secretary to the Board is Helga Mueller

During the year Donna Huntington and Lee Jackson resigned from the Board. Thanks go to them for their service on the Board. The Selectmen appointed Robert Michenfelder and Fred Shipman as alternates, and upon the resignations of Donna Huntington and Lee Jackson as regular members of the Board. At year end, there were no alternate members of the Board due to a lack of volunteers for this position. Alternate members are very important on the Board because they fill in during the absence of a regular member when a quorum might be essential to vote on an application before the Board. Anyone interested in serving as an alternate may apply to the selectmen.

The following actions were taken by the Board during 1994:

Amendments to the Piermont Subdivision Regulations - The Board at a public hearing on November 15, 1995, adopted two(2) amendments to the Piermont Subdivision Regulations which were required by amendments enacted by the New Hampshire Legislature to New Hampshire RSAs. One amendment pertains to changes in procedure on plats, submitted to the Planning Board for approval, to include the names and addresses of every professional whose professional seal appears on the plat and requires their notification of the date the application is submitted to the Board. The other amendment that was adopted pertains to "Voluntary Merger", a procedure for an owner who has two or more contiguous, pre-existing, approved or subdivided lots and wants to merge them for regulation and taxation purposes.

Master Plan - The Board continued work, started in 1994, developing a Housing Policy to be included in the Piermont Master Plan. The Land Use section of the Master Plan was adopted in 1991; however, sections on Housing, Transportation, Utility and Public Service, Community Facilities, and Conservation and Preservation still remain to be formulated.

Planning Board approvals granted in 1995 - The following applications were approved: A request by Peter Mazzilli and Son, Inc. for a three-year extension of time to complete improvements to Aaron Road at the Grandview Acres Subdivision; a two lot subdivision on Route 10 by Alfred Stevens; and a request for the voluntary merger of two lots into one lot on Church Street by Arthur and Creola James.

Other actions of the Board - Informal discussions were held during the year on the following requests: A request by U.S. Cellular Mobile Telephone Network to erect a 200 foot telephone

communications tower on Piermont Mountain. U.S. Cellular subsequently dropped its proposed plan to erect the tower. A request by Peter Mazzilli and Son, Inc. to eliminate the common lot at the Grandview Acres Subdivision by lot line adjustment. At year end, an application has not been filed. A request by William and Janet Hamilton for two lot line adjustments on Indian Pond Road. A public hearing was scheduled for January 17,1996.

Peter LaBounty, Chairman

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

It is with regret and some nostalgia that I write the Selectmen's Report this year. I will not be running for Selectman this time around. This has been a hard decision to make because I have enjoyed serving the Town as one of your Selectmen. It has been an interesting, educational and rewarding nine years.

Through the efforts of my fellow selectman, Bob Lang, we have fixed up a room in the Church Building to hold meetings in. Also, the Town Offices are warmer this winter because we insulated all around the safe and fixed the roof in that area.

I also commend Bob Lang and Wayne Godfrey in the efforts to get the Dump Closure into its final phase. With any luck, we will receive some grant monies to offset all the money we've spent (and continue to spend) on that project. A special thanks to Wayne in finding a cheaper method of trash collection and a less expensive place to haul it, saving the Town money in that area. Now, future savings are up to you, the townspeople; if everyone recycled we could cut our Solid Waste Budget even more.

The twice a year tax billing system has greatly decreased our spending on interest for bank loans to pay our bills. In 1992, we spent over \$13,000 on interest for these notes. This year we spent nothing. In fact, now we earn the interest.

Something new this year, we had the books audited by an outside firm, Plodzik & Sanderson; they were pleasantly surprised at how well we do the job of keeping our financial records. Our thanks go to Jean Daley and Jim Lambert in that department.

With a touch of sadness, we note the passing of several of our prominent citizens this past year, Alec Szuch, Daniel Webster, Robert Lutz, Ralph Drew and Myron Mueller. They will be missed!

In closing, I wish to thank, on behalf of the Selectmen, all the Townspeople who serve on our various boards and who volunteer on the Fire Department and FAST Squad. Your services are invaluable. And, I encourage everyone else to get involved and become a part of your Town.

Margaret Ritchie Cleaves, Chairman

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular monthly meetings of the Commission are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Offices. The members of the Commission are: Helga Mueller, Chairman; Bill Daley, David Ritchie; Robert A. Michenfelder; Eric Underhill; Donald Smith; and Ernest (Chickie) Hartley. As of December 31, 1995, the Town's Conservation Fund was \$1,635.63. This figure reflects the transfer of \$2,311.11 from the Fund into a 6-month CD at the Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, designated as the Underhill Canoe Site Fund. This amount constitutes the balance of grant monies given by the Joint Rivers Commission for the development of the Underhill Canoe Campsite. The intent of the grantor was that the balance would be used for the future upkeep and maintenance of the site and, therefore, the Commission believed that the canoe site monies should be in a separate account.

A 1995 warrant article which would have required the Selectmen to consult with the Commission prior to disposing of real property acquired by tax collector's deed was defeated by the voters.

Activities during the year included:

Underhill Canoe Campsite - This site has become a very popular spot for canoeists along the Connecticut River with over 40 parties signing the register. All comments were positive, praising the beauty of the site and thanking the Commission for maintaining it. Following up on a suggestion made last year, commission member, Eric Underhill, built and installed a log bench overlooking the river.

Sarah Moore Canoe Access - Unfortunately, there was vandalism at this site. The mailbox, containing the register was destroyed, and the sign was torn out of the ground, but fortunately not damaged.

Both the canoe access and the Underhill Campsite are maintained by the Commission and are open from May 1 to November 1.

Day Farm Preserve - This is a natural area at the mouth of Eastman Brook which was donated to the Town by members of the Day family. A sign identifying it was erected by Commission members in June.

Tree planting - To commemorate the 25th anniversary of Earth Day, the Commission donated a crabapple tree that was planted at the Village School by the students.

Conservation Camp - The Commission sponsored Glen Putnam to attend the 4-H Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin, N.H. for a week in August. Glen was selected, in cooperation with the Village School, because of his interest in conservation. The camp specializes in conservation education. The cost for the program was \$200.

Junior Members - Andy Hall and Glen Putnam, both students at the Village School and interested in helping with the activities of the Commission, have been invited to participate

as associate junior members in the hands-on projects of the Commission. Members of the Commission believe that furthering an interest in conservation is an important part of their mission.

Meetings and Workshops - Members attended the 5th Annual Gathering of Conservation Commissions at the Montshire in Norwich and the annual N.H. Association of Conservation Commissions meeting in Concord. They attended workshops on forest resources, groundwater protection and wetlands.

Natural Resource Inventory - Work on this project is on-going.

For the information of the townspeople, the Commission has developed a list of properties within the Town which are town or state-owned or have conservation easements. The list is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office.

During the year members of the Commission assisted townspeople with a variety of conservation concerns regarding conservation easements, wetlands and logging activities.

Our meetings are open to the public, and we welcome your participation, your ideas and suggestions.
Helga Mueller, Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 1995

During 1995, there were 3 hearings, involving 3 individual property owners.
They were as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Action</u>
3/2	Schmid, George	Special Exception	Nonresidential	Approved
11/20	Baker, Robert	Special Exception	Mobilehome	Approved
12/11	Four Corners Store	Variance	Sign	Approved

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Shipman, Chairman

PIERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Officers of the Society are Joe Medlicott, President; Linda Lambert and Helga Mueller, Co-Vice Presidents; Anna Williams, Corresponding Secretary; Lloyd Hall, Director of Preservation; Frederick Shipman, Treasurer; and Charlotte Wilson, Director-at-Large.

The Society mourns the passing of Myron M. Mueller. At the time of his death Myron was a very involved member of our Society, the editor of our newsletter, "The Piermont Record," our recording secretary, and was working on a new and expanded history of the Town entitled, "A Special Spirit."

Copies of the original History of Piermont, published in 1947, are available in good-quality reprints through the Piermont Public Library at \$32.

During 1995 the Society received and answered several requests for information on events or people from Piermont's past. We also introduced our new exhibit of period clothing, donated by the Underhill family, at an Open House in July in our newly renovated rooms above the library. The Society thanks the Underhill family for their many artifacts and memorabilia. We appreciate any donations from Piermont's present or past from townspeople and other area residents.

If anyone has, or knows of the whereabouts of, records or information on the records of the Piermont Congregational Church, the Church of Saints in Christ from the Clay Hollow area, the Piermont Crrange #219, The Piermont Dramatic Club, or the Village Improvement Society, please contact an ofcer of the Society. We would appreciate either original information or copies for our files.

A project the Society completed in 1995 was the installation in July of four "Welcome to Piermont" signs at the four main entrances to the Town. The painting on the signs depicts Peaked Mountain, which local legend says was the inspiration for our town's name. The signs were designed, crafted, and erected by local sign artist, Russ Priestley.

Four members of the Society visited the N.H. Historical Society's new museum at the Hamel Center in Concord, N.H. The main exhibit, "New Hampshire Through Many Eyes," is an excellent display and can be viewed during 1996.

Lloyd Hall, our Director of Preservation, and Helga Mueller attended a seminar in Concord on the exhibition and care of textiles and costumes given by the N.H. Historical Society.

Programs this year were "The Isles of Shoals-Its Land and People," presented by Captain Bob Whittaker of the Isles of Shoals Steamship Company; "Discoveries and Issues in Local History," given by local historian and author, Robert Fillion; and "PiermonterWhat They Do Now, What They Did Then," reminiscences of William Deal, Piermont Police Chief and native Piermonter. A program on the "Early Native People of N.H. and the Connecticut River Valley," with historian Michael O'Traynor, scheduled for December, was cancelled due to illness. It will be rescheduled in spring 1996.

In order to provide the townspeople better accessibility to our collection, the Board of Directors explored the possibility of the Society acquiring the Piermont Town Hall from the Town. However, after further consideration, the plan was dropped. The Society would not be able to support the expenses necessary for the upkeep of the building, since it is not a taxpayer supported organization, but is wholly funded by membership dues, fundraisers, and donations.

Our plans for 1996 include the expanded mapping of Clay Hollow Cemetery, to conform to the computerized format used in the Society's mapping of the River Road Cemetery, and the mapping of the East Piermont Cemetery on Cape Moonshine Road.

Anyone wishing to visit the Society's rooms may call Lloyd Hall at 272-5858.

Our annual membership dues are \$5 per family, \$3 for individual adults, and \$ 1 for students. Life memberships are \$50 per person. Town residents over 80 years of age are automatically members without paying dues. We are always looking for volunteers to assist in our projects.

Joe Medlicott, President

TRANSFER AND RECYCLE REPORT - 1995

	1994	1995
Total Recycled	69.14 Tons	64.81 Tons
Total Garbage	247.46 Tons	205.04 Tons

Recycling was down 4.3 tons from last year. Garbage was down 42.42 tons from last year, so the new compactor is doing its job. Garbage is down more than 42.42 tons because there is 9.67 tons paid for this year which was actually 1994 garbage. That is a savings of \$2258.86 for 42.42 tons.

Now to help keep costs down it is up to the citizens of Piermont. There are still a lot of people who do not recycle at all. So it is up to you to help keep costs down. For every ton we recycle, it saves the town money plus landfill space. Just start to recycle with one item. When you feel at ease with that, add another item.

The Recycling program was hit with several hard blows this year. Our farmer decided not to use newspaper any more so we now have to ship it out ourselves. We were going to Bath with all our stuff and getting a flat fee paid for each load. But due to the dropping prices, we no longer get paid. Also, they decided to no longer accept glass, our biggest weight item. There is talk of charging for each load so we are now shipping back to Claremont. We also had someone picking up cardboard free but due to dropping prices, they decided to charge to pick it up. So we now ship this with our other items.

Income this year was \$1,595.70 which almost covers the cost of hauling the loads to the Recycle dealer.

My budget this year shows about \$3000 drop due to less garbage and drop in price per ton for disposal.

Also, I must ask people if you have a lot of extra trash, please check before coming to dispose of it. I try to get 3 weeks out of each dumpster and if you come the last week, I may not be able to get it all in.

Now, I must tell Piermont how lucky you are to have a transfer center open as much as we are. All the towns around us are only open 2 hours per week. We are open 7 hours in winter - 9 hours in summer. So the next time you want to complain about our hours, think how lucky you are.

Thank you.

Wayne Godfrey

Transfer Manager

1995 TRANSFER & RECYCLE BUDGET

Waste Management of NH	20,621
(includes disposal, dumpster, compacter, hauling & pad)	
Salary	2,795
FICA	220
Training	165
Electric	300
Recycle Hauler	2,250
Wiring	125
Miscellaneous	75
Compactor Maint.	<u>175</u>
Total	26,726

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT - 1995

In April of 1995, the Selectmen appointed me Animal Control Officer. I have had all shots for protection against Rabies.

If you have a problem, call me at 272-5802. Leave a message if no answer. If you have an emergency and I don't answer, call Hanover Dispatch, who can page me. This is for emergency calls only.

RSA 466:31 II-A: Stray Dogs. You must put your tags on your dog. If I pick up a dog with no tags, the law states it is a stray and to take it to the pound. I may keep the dog for a few days before I take it to the pound. You will pay for the days I keep the animal.

RSA 466:31 II-B: Barking Dog. If your dog barks in the night or more than 1/2 hour during the daylight, you can be fined \$25 for the first time, \$50 for the second time. I give 3 warnings. The third one is written. The fourth complaint, I issue a fine. The same applies if your dog is on the loose.

Number of complaints for 1995 were as follows:

Dogs running loose	9 calls
Stray Dogs	6 calls
2 Taken to pound	4 claimed
Barking Dog	2 calls
Assist police - deer	1 call
Lost Dog	1 call
Lost Cat	<u>1 call</u>
Total	21 calls

I serve civil forfeiture papers for failure to license dogs. 3 People - \$25 fine each.

Thank you. Wayne Godfrey, Animal Control Officer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 1995

This past year we saw interest rates continue to climb a bit from their record lows, and stock market prices hit record highs, which is good news for those of us who count on interest and dividends for their income. Piermont funds are invested in low risk, and therefore, lower yield, investments earning what is a reasonable income given current market conditions.

Our investment objective has been, and remains, to maximize income from investments that pose little or no risk of principal. The principal amount of a trust fund cannot be spent - only the income - while a capital reserve fund can be spent in whole or in part for the purchase of some specified item by vote at town/school meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick W. Shipman
Bookkeeping Trustee

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES 1995

FENCES

The picket fence on the west side of Cedar Grove Cemetery was replaced with a new picket fence made entirely of pressure treated lumber. The old granite half-posts were reused to attach to and new gates were built to accommodate all uses.

GRAVE MAPPING

As you may recall from last year's report, the Piermont Historical Society undertook a mapping and cataloging of all the known graves in River Road Cemetery - Piermont's oldest. The PHS had plans to begin mapping the Clay Hollow Cemetery in 1995, but due to several factors, was unable to do so. We hope that there will be some way to continue the project this coming year. If anyone is interested, please contact the Cemetery Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick W. Shipman,
Bookkeeping Trustee

SCHOOL TRUST FUND

For Support of the School

December 31, 1995

Name of Investment	<u>Dividend Interest Income</u>	<u>Total Shares Owned</u>	<u>Principal Amount Market Value or Year End Balance</u>
Fidelity Cash Res.	205.25	3,713.20	3,713.20
Puritan Fund	975.96	2,038.76	34,679.24
Seligman Fund	434.76	1,288.87	18,289.06
Totals	1,615.97		56,681.50

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

For Support of Further Education - December 31, 1995

Beginning Balance, 1/1/95	6,002.82
Scholarships Awarded	-198.53
Interest Earned	174.02
New Fund Donations	225.00
Ending Balance, 12/31/95	6,203.31

TOWN EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

For Vehicular Equipment - Cash Equivalent Fund

December 31, 1995

Beginning Balance, 1/1/95	21,932.20
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Dividend Income	453.59
Shares Sold-Fire Truck	<u>25,000.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/95	2,385.79

TOWN BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

For Capital Improvements - Cash Equivalent Fund

December 31, 1995

Beginning Balance, 1/1/95	21,922.24
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Dividend Income	1,066.77
Shares Sold	0.00
Ending Balance 12/31/95	21,922.24

SCHOOL BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

For Capital Improvements or Land - Cash Equivalent Fund

December 31, 1995

Beginning Balance, 1/1/95	26,945.20
Dividend Income	757.60
Shares Purchased	0.00
Shares Sold	0.00
Ending Balance 12/31/95	27,702.80

SEWAGE DISTRICT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

For Capital Improvements - Cash Equivalent Fund

December 31, 1995

Beginning Balance, 1/1/95	29,074.20
Shares Purchased	0.00
Dividend Income	1,589.50
Shares Sold	0.00
Ending Balance, 12/31/95	30,663.70

HERBERT A. CLARK MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

For the Support of the Town

December 31, 1995

Name of <u>Investment</u>	Dividend or Interest <u>Income</u>	Total Shares <u>Owned</u>	Principal Amount market Value or <u>Year End Balance</u>
Western Res	2,211.00	1,100.00	36,712.50
Decatur Fund	1,225.17	1,897.12	34,489.57
Fidelity Fund	2,422.25	6,054.94	136,902.19
Phoenix Fund	583.80	748.45	6,174.67
Puritan	1,819.85	3,7801.64	64,665.86
George Putnam	1,103.76	1,9192.78	30,888.14
Seligman Fund	2,874.68	8,522.120	120,928.86
Chesapeake/Potomac			
Telephone of VA.	281.26	1 5M Bond	4,643.50
AGEdwards Cash Equiv	20.64	1,3331.63	1,331.63
Colonial Util.	<u>1,389.00</u>	<u>2,204.80</u>	<u>33,094.05</u>
TOTALS	13,931.41		469,830.97

Note to Seligman Fund: The IRS withheld \$237.72 from dividend income and \$1,711.56 from long-term capital gain income in 1994. A refund has been requested and will be applied to 1994 income and share balance when it is received.

CEMETERY TRUST FUND
for the support of the cemeteries
December 31, 1995

Name of Investment	Dividend or Interest	Total Shares Owned	Principal Amount, Market Value or Year End Balance
<u>Year End Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Owned</u>	<u>Year End Balance</u>
<u>Cemetery Care Fund</u>			
Colonial Utilites	649.20	1,030.43	15,466.78
Oklahoma Gas/Elec	601.16	226.00	9,718.00
Fidelity Puritan	1,898.94	3,864.98	67,475.74
Woodsville Bank CD-704862	<u>50.49</u>	1075.00	<u>1075.00</u>
TOTALS	3,199.79		93,735.52
<u>Cemetery Lots Fund</u>			
Woodsville Bank CD-704863	129.57		2,705.00
TOTALS	129.57		2,705.00
<u>Operating Account</u>			
Woodsville Bank 23104015	<u>70.78</u>		<u>1,103.81</u>
TOTAL	70.78		1,103.81
GRAND TOTAL	3,400.14		97,544.33

Cemetery Payments	Amount
Gandin Brothers	345.00
John Metcalf	6,309.00
Oakes Brothers	45.00
P&H Fence Company	3,438.37
Russ Priestley Signs	75.00
Twin State Typewriter	21.60
US Postal Service	8.00
Transfers to Other Funds	<u>3,780.00</u>
	14,021.97
Cemetery Receipts	
Town Appropriation	10,300.00
Interest and Dividend Income	3,400.14
Burial Fees, net after expences	<u>485.15</u>
	14,185.29

We have examined the accounts of the Cemetery Fund, the Clark Fund, the School Trust Fund, the School Capital Reserve Fund and the Town Equipment Reserve Fund and find them to be correct in all material respects to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Auditors, Town of Piermont

ACCRETION OF CEMETERY FUND

DATE	NAME	GIVEN
2/14/00	Chandler, George	\$50.00
7/11/02	Fletcher, Mary	\$47.25
9/12/02	Simpson, Charles H.	\$100.00
11/3/02	Platte, James	\$100.00
9/12/07	Talmon, Emily	\$50.00
4/29/09	Quint, Hosea	\$50.00
11/10/10	Drown, Stephen	\$600.00
6/4/12	Mattoon, Mrs. E.O.	\$50.00
6/6/16	Hunt, Mary	\$100.00
10/1/16	Clark, Judson	\$50.00
4/1/18	Baldwin, Hattie	\$100.00
9/1/19	Spaulding, Pearl D.	\$108.65
10/1/19	Muchmore, Henry S.	\$108.65
11/22/22	Page, Charles and Fred	\$100.00
7/1/23	Lawrence, Ellen	\$100.00
10/19/23	Kimball, Catherine L.	\$100.00
3/7/24	Learned, Sarah	\$100.00
11/17/25	Butson, James and Luvia	\$100.00
12/1/25	Stickney, Emma	\$100.00
7/1/26	Chandler, George	\$50.00
9/29/26	Colby, Sarah Hammond	\$100.00
8/3/27	Sargent, Fay S.	\$100.00
3/28/28	Manson, Ardella L.	\$100.00
7/1/28	Mattoon, Mrs. E.O.	\$50.00
7/2/28	Webster, Ellen	\$100.00
11/14/28	Knight, Albert J.	\$310.00
4/25/29	Palmer, Chestina A.	\$200.00
10/1/31	Ranney, Gertie B.	\$100.00
11/1/31	Blaisdell, Kate M.	\$100.00
7/15/33	Swift, Elsie B.	\$100.00
9/30/33	Bickford, Elizabeth	\$100.00
7/1/35	Robie, Freeman A.	\$75.00
12/1/38	Underhill, Sarah A.	\$100.00
12/10/38	Emery, Mr. & Mrs. George	\$75.00
11/29/39	Carman, Newlett S.S.	\$100.00
7/1/40	Brown, William B.	\$100.00
1/29/42	Horton, William & Mary	\$100.00
8/9/43	Hill, Joseph	\$100.00
9/1/43	Underhill, Elizabeth	\$50.00
10/13/43	Clark, Judson	\$50.00
11/29/44	Libby, Alice G.	\$100.00
11/29/44	Mead, Alice G.	\$100.00
4/6/45	Gould, Aaron P.	\$100.00

Cemetery Fund Continued:

12/20/45	Ford, Edward	\$100.00
6/1/46	Manchester, Beatrice	\$100.00
6/15/46	Dodge, George & Croydan	\$200.00
6/15/46	Cutting, David	\$100.00
10/30/47	Corliss, George	\$100.00
11/2/47	Mrs. Kennedy	\$50.00
9/4/48	Horton, Fred	\$100.00
11/15/48	Ranney, Orlene	\$50.00
11/28/49	Ames, Luella	\$85.00
11/28/49	Runnels, Arthur	\$85.00
1/2/51	Flint, Burton & Ella	\$1000.00
5/8/52	Underhill, Edward	\$100.00
11/14/52	Underhill, Stephen	\$100.00
3/29/54	Underhill, Leon	\$100.00
5/11/55	Gannett, Grace	\$50.00
5/11/55	Gannett, Grace	\$600.00
5/11/55	Gannett, Grace	\$5000.00
8/20/55	Howard, Earle V.	\$100.00
5/29/56	LaMontagne, Claraence	\$100.00
6/13/56	Alessandrini, Simeone	\$100.00
12/25/56	Evans & Weeks	\$100.00
10/27/57	Striker, William	\$50.00
11/4/58	Robie, Lyman E.	\$100.00
2/3/59	Howard, Earle V.	\$100.00
11/25/59	Smith, George F.	\$100.00
4/13/60	Morey, Dwight	\$100.00
2/15/62	Piermont Grange	\$125.38
2/15/62	Drew, Harris	\$100.00
10/12/62	Gilbert, Ernest E.	\$50.00
8/8/63	Bedford, Arvilla	\$100.00
8/31/63	Perkins & Herrick	\$50.00
9/11/63	Delbar, Robinson & Simpson	\$100.00
9/21/63	Robinson, Fred C.	\$100.00
7/19/66	Davis, Mrs. Walter	\$50.00
11/17/66	Davis, Norman	\$100.00
12/22/66	Owen, Dr. Robert L.	\$100.00
4/17/67	Benson, Pauline Keyes	\$100.00
9/26/67	Deal, Eleanor D. & William R.	\$100.00
3/11/69	Jewell, Carrie J.	\$100.00
4/29/69	Hartley, E.D. & M.	\$100.00
9/2/69	Mellin, Kenneth & Marjorie	\$100.00
4/1/70	Burns, Mrs. Lester M. & Children	\$100.00
6/25/70	Robertson, Paul H.	\$100.00
8/31/70	Weeks, George W.	\$100.00

Cemetery Fund Continued:

12/15/70	Swain, Earl C. & Lillian M.	\$100.00
3/25/71	French & Heath	\$100.00
5/24/71	Fellows, Charles	\$50.00
7/31/71	McDonald, Eben & Floyd	\$100.00
12/27/71	Drew, Ralph Harris, In Memory of	\$100.00
5/1/72	Clayburn, Eda P.	\$25.00
6/30/72	Fadden, Lois & Edward	\$100.00
7/25/72	Lee, Robert E. & Mildred	\$100.00
9/7/72	McLam, N. Gordon & Lurlene	\$100.00
9/15/72	Putnam, Gladys Emery	\$100.00
10/11/72	Benson, Pauline Keyes	\$100.00
3/3/73	Simpson, J. Ralph & Elsie M.	\$100.00
6/14/73	Mitchell, Edward & Helen	\$100.00
7/2/73	Rodimon, Mrs. Annie & Sons	\$100.00
8/1/74	Keller, Mr. & Mrs. George, In Memory of Bertha Brooks	\$100.00
12/31/74	Heath, In Memory of Carrie Simpson	\$100.00
6/16/75	Ferine, lasbelle, In Memory of	\$100.00
7/14/75	Byron, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard	\$100.00
7/24/75	Mason, Anna, In Memory of Mrs. E.H. Sheldon	\$500.00
7/12/76	Hibbard, Lloyd C. & Eudora M.	\$100.00
11/4/76	Stetson, Clinton & Edna	\$100.00
1/17/77	Webster, Ralph & Pauline, In Memory of Hattie Webster	\$220.00
7/20/77	Burbeck, Christie G.	\$100.00
7/28/77	The Ritchie Family	\$100.00
11/28/77	McDonald, Floyd, In Memory of Alice McDonald	\$100.00
6/1/78	Robinson, Phillip	\$100.00
8/21/78	The William Daley Family	\$200.00
10/9/78	Gilbert, Ernest E. & Helen L.	\$50.00
12/30/78	Ingalls, Irene D. . Martin Day Lot	\$200.00
12/30/78	Ingalls, Irene D. . Ernest D. Day Lot	\$200.00
12/30/78	Day, Martin H. . Martin Day Lot	\$200.00
12/30/78	Day, Martin H. . Ernest D. Day Lot	\$200.00
7/7/79	The Henry I. Wilson Family	\$100.00
12/21/79	Underhill, Ernest S. & Nancy W.	\$100.00
7/24/80	Wilson, George H. & Annie	\$100.00
10/7/80	In Memory of Floyd F. Davis	\$1000.00
7/11/81	Wilson, Charles E. & Beatrice	\$100.00
8/20/82	Miller, Marianna Metcalf	\$200.00
12/4/82	In Memory of William & Vera Weaver	\$100.00
12/27/82	Brewer, James T. & Alice A.	\$1000.00
1/24/83	Ludmann, Jennie H.	\$50.00
4/11/83	Ritchie, Helen & G. Fremont	\$100.00
4/29/83	Smith, Floyd L. & Pearle W.	\$100.00
5/27/83	Stetson, Dale, In Memory of Louis & Bessie Stetson	\$200.00

Cemetery Fund Continued:

10/11/83	Mack, Walter & M.W. Kenyon . James Ramsey Lot	\$100.00
10/18/83	Goodfleisch, Joan & Theodore	\$100.00
11/21/83	Woodard, Russell & Suzanne	\$100.00
9/22/84	Mack, Delbert	\$100.00
1/31/85	Jackson, Paul & Ellen	\$100.00
7/5/85	Whitlock, George & Betty	\$100.00
8/29/85	In Memory of Eugene B. Robbins	\$100.00
7/17/86	Mitchell, Robert L.	\$100.00
5/25/87	Gardner, Harold, Sr. & Sophronia	\$100.00
11/18/87	The Alfred & Marion Musty Family	\$100.00
4/12/88	Hartley, Ernest W. & Nancy C.	\$100.00
10/11/89	Wardrop, John & Marjorie	\$100.00
10/8/90	Sheldon, Charles	\$500.00
11/8/90	Hare, Daniel	\$200.00
4/2/91	Owen, Winifred	\$100.00
8/8/91	Hill, Evril	\$100.00
8/19/91	Hare, Margaret	\$200.00
11/2/92	Brooks, Olin C. & Maxine F.	\$25.00
11/4/93	Cheney, Donald	\$200.00
4/26/94	Webster, Ralph A. Jr. & Pauline	\$500.00
9/21/94	Hall, Loyd E. and Betty Lou	\$200.00
12/8/94	Cole, Archie and Pauline	\$150.00
8/7/95	Mueller, Myron & Helga	<u>200.00</u>
		\$25,789.93

VITAL STATISTICS 1995

BIRTHS:

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	FATHERS NAME	MOTHERS MAIDEN NAME
3-09-95	MARCELLA JEAN DALEY	WILLIAM V. DALEY III	ELIZABETH L. BAYNE
4-26-95	PARKER JAMES ROBINSON	JAMES A. ROBINSON	LISA L. SWASEY
8-09-95	AIDAN FREEMONT CLEAVES	FAUNCE L. CLEAVES	MARGARET E. RITCHIE
9-11-95	SAMANTHA ELIZABETH NELSON	DANIEL J NELSON	DEBORAH L. CLOUD
11-16-95	HELEN MAE STEVENS-METCALF	AI METCALF	MICHELLE A. STEVENS
12-29-95	ERVA MORGAN BARNES II	EVVA BARNES	KATY BLAINE
12-31-95	TAYLOR LEE WILKINS	TIMOTHY WILKINS	CHARITY L. NOWELL
10-31-95	KYLE ADAM BOUTIN	ADAM BOUTIN	DAWN STYGLES

DEATHS:

DATE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH
02-13-95	RUTH A. CHILDS	RUTLAND, VT
02-22-95	RUTH AILEEN FRENCH	WINDSOR, VT
04-10-95	DAN BURTON FULLER	HAVERHILL, NH
04-13-95	ROBERT LURIN LUTZ	BRADFORD, VT
05-15-95	DANIEL W. WEBSTER	HAVERHILL, NH
06-28-95	MYRON M. MUELLER	PIERMONT, NH
06-28-95	JOHN H. WARDROP	LEBANON, NH
08-07-95	HAROLD EMERSON	ALBUQUERQUE, NM
08-29-95	HAROLD F. MARTIN	HAVERHILL, NH
09-10-95	RALPH PERCY DREW	DENVER, CO
09-22-95	ELLEN MAY WINN	HAVERHILL, NH
10-04-95	ALEC M. SZUCH	HAVERHILL, NH
10-14-95	ALICE L. CROCHETIERE	LEBANON, NH

MARRIAGES: DATE	NAME & SURNAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM	RESIDENCE AT TIME
03-20-94	BRADBURY MAURICE REARDON LINDA B. TRICKEY	EAST KINGSTON, NH EAST KINGSTON, NH
07-09-94	RICHARD FISHMAN ANN MARIE DISCO	PIERMONT, NH PIERMONT, NH
02-04-95	DANIEL JAMES NELSON DEBORAH LYNN CLOUD	PIKE, NH PIERMONT, NH
05-14-95	JOHN MONAGHAN III SUSAN MARY KAPP	PIERMONT, NH PIERMONT, NH
06-10-95	TIMOTHY MATTHEW WILKINS CHARITY LYN NOWELL	ORFORD, NH ORFORD, NH
06-10-95	ADAM LEE BOUTIN DAWN MARIE STYGLES	HAVERHILL, NH PIERMONT, NH
08-05-95	CAMERON SCOTT PREST HEATHER FAYE CLARK	PIERMONT, NH FAIRLEE, VT
11-15-95	AUSTIN WILLIAM HOGAN SARAH ANN WESTERN (GILLORD)	PIERMONT, NH PIERMONT, NH

REQUESTS FOR PARTICIPATION AND DONATION



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DEPARTMENT of RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION of FORESTS and LANDS

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Commissioner

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JOHN E. SARGENT
Director

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

In calendar year 1995, our three (3) leading causes of fires were Children, Non-Permit fires not properly extinguished and Smoking Materials.

Violations of RSA 224:27 II, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire, are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Fire Officials, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. This also helps to prevent unnecessary response to a controlled burn.

1995 Fire Statistics

Forest Ranger Reported Fires

Number of Fires for Cost Share Payment	465
Acres Burned	437
Suppression cost	\$147,000+

Lookout Tower Reported Fires

	555
Visitors to Towers	26,165

Fires Reported by County

Belknap	11
Carroll	50
Cheshire	39
Coccosucco	17
Grafton	26
Hillsborough	71
Merrimack	49
Rockingham	106
Strafford	78
Sullivan	18

Local communities and the State share the cost of suppression on a 50/50 basis. The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid the quick response from the local fire departments.

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

John Q. Ricard

Forest Ranger

Forest Protection (603) 271-2217
Forest Management (603) 271-3456



Alfred Stevens

Forest Fire Warden

Land Management (603) 271-3456
Information & Planning (603) 271-3457

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1995 - OUTREACH REPORT

Outreach is the field services arm of the Tri-County Community Action Program. The purpose of this program is to assist low-income, elderly and handicapped persons to solve individual problems and meet their needs through individual and/or group self-help efforts. Outreach Coordinators accomplish this purpose by providing information, counseling, referrals, guidance, organizational assistance, individual counseling and by effectively linking and utilizing community resources. If possible, we also may assist with Emergency Fund dollars in the form of Vouchers.

Last year, the following assistance (client service units) was provided by the CAP Outreach Program in WOODSVILLE.

CATEGORY	TYPE OF ASSISTANCE	CLIENT SERVICE UNITS
Food	Emergency food supplies, Food Stamps, Government surplus foods, consumer education, food baskets, nutrition.	<u>4</u>
*Energy	Electrical disconnects, out-of-fuel, Weatherization, woodstove, fuel wood, home repairs, furnaces	<u>4</u>
Homeless	Homeless or in imminent danger of being homeless	<u>0</u>
Housing	Emergency placements, furnishings, loans, home improvements, tenant/landlord relations, relocations	<u>1</u>
Budget Counseling	Money management, debt management, financial planning	<u>0</u>
Health	Medicare, Medicaid, Mental Health, Dental, Home Health, Emergency Response Units, Substance Abuse	<u>0</u>
Income	Job Corps, employment referrals, job training, welfare referral	<u>1</u>
Transportation	Emergency rides, car pools	<u>0</u>
Legal Assistance	Information and referral to Legal Aid	<u>0</u>
Other	Clothing, education, domestic violence, children's services	<u>1</u>
TOTALS:		<u>11</u>

*Does not include Fuel Assistance

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Because of your support and that of other surrounding towns, we were able to keep our WOODSVILLE Outreach office open through the entire year. As a result, we were also able to leverage the following funds and/or provide the following services or products to the low-income people of your area:

<u>PIERMONT</u>	<u>FUNDS OR PRODUCTS PROVIDED</u>		
	<u>#</u> <u>Households</u>	<u>#</u> <u>Individuals</u>	<u>\$ AMOUNT</u>
FEMA (Emergency food and shelter)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
USDA (Food products distributed - retail value)	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>79</u>
Client Services Fund and Food Pantry Assistance	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>83</u>
Homeless-Emergency food and Shelter	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Volunteer Hours @ \$4.25/Hour	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
A. OUTREACH TOTAL:	<u>8</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>162</u>

Please note that these funds are in addition to the approximately \$4,000.00 Community Services Block Grant matching funds that are applied to each Outreach Coordinator's salary and other local office expenses. Your continued financial support is needed to insure the availability of these dollars for local use and help in providing these essential social services in your community.

Also, our Outreach Coordinators did the application intake work for Fuel Assistance and Weatherization. As a result, the residents of your town received the following assistance from the Community Action Program this past winter:

	<u># HOUSEHOLDS</u>	<u># INDIVIDUALS</u>	<u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>
FUEL ASSISTANCE	<u>8</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>3,134</u>
WEATHERIZATION	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
B. ENERGY TOTALS:	<u>8</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>3,134</u>
GRAND TOTAL ALL ASSISTANCE (A + B) for July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1995	<u>16</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>3,296</u>

WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1995-96 has been a challenging year for all healthcare providers, and WMMH&DS has not been exempt from the many pressures currently being exerted upon our field. Our outpatient mental health programs have been working to continue to provide high quality care in an environment in which brief, focused interventions have become essential. This new attention to "managing care" has meant that many people who were previously covered by health insurance for our services now find themselves uninsured or underinsured. In spite of this difficult reality, we have continued to serve outpatients from locations in Littleton, Lincoln, Lancaster, Woodsville and Warren. MAINTAINING THIS VARIETY OF SITES IS COSTLY, BUT WE ARE ACUTELY AWARE OF THE PREFERENCE OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE LOCALLY. This year we have focused particularly on the needs of children and elders. We now offer an array of services to both of these populations. During 1995, based on feedback from the communities we serve, we have added staff in both of these programs. AS A RESULT of these efforts, we are now able to offer the following:

SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

- * COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENTS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INCLUDING:
 - Psychological Testing by a Ph.D. Clinical Psychologist;
 - Substance Abuse Assessment by Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor;
 - Clinical Assessment by a team of experienced clinicians, including a Board Certified Psychiatrist;
 - Medication Evaluation if indicated;
 - Vocational Assessment if indicated in the case of adolescent referrals;
- * ANGER MANAGEMENT through participation in a specially developed Martial Arts curriculum designed and led by an experienced clinician and Martial Arts instructor;
- * INTENSIVE EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAM (3 hours per day) for adolescents with severe behavioral and emotional problems;
- * IN-SCHOOL SUPPORTS for children with severe emotional and behavioral problems;

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- * IDENTIFICATION AND COORDINATION of the network of services available to the family;
- * FAMILY THERAPY;
- * PLAY THERAPY;
- * ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT OF ATTENTIONAL DISORDERS, including medication recommendations when appropriate.

SERVICES TO ELDERS;

- * Information, Referral and Support to Families;
- * Home-Based Screening and Assessment;
- * Case Management and Coordination of available community services;
- * Crisis Intervention;
- * Medication and Medication Management;
- * Consultation to three area nursing homes.

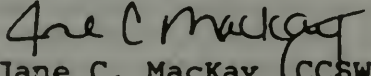
In addition to these recently augmented programs, we continue to offer all the other programs the community has grown to expect from our organization. These include:

- * 24-hour Emergency Services;
- * Case Management, Housing, Medication and Vocational Services to persons with severe and persistent mental illness;
- * COMMON GROUND - extensive, individualized supports and vocational placements to persons with developmental disabilities;
- * EARLY INTERVENTION services the infants and toddlers;
- * THE RECOVERY CONNECTION - substance abuse treatment.

In an era of shrinking state and federal support, we are subsidized to provide treatment only to the most severely mentally ill individuals in the community. We look to you to help support our services to the many other children, families and elders who look to us for care.

Thank you for your continuing support of our programs.

Respectfully submitted,


Jane C. MacKay, CCSW
Area Director

Report to the Citizens of Council District One

As Executive Councilor for District One, it is a privilege for me to communicate with the citizens of this town and area which are a part of District One of 98 towns and four cities.

The five member Executive Council is at the top of your Executive Branch of Government. The NH House and Senate make laws and pass into law a budget. It is then the constitutional and lawful duty of the Governor and Council to carry out those laws and budget. The entire Judicial Branch of judges are all nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Council. The Governor and Council also nominate and confirm 267 Commissioners and Directors to terms of office in the various state executive branch departments.

The Governor and Executive Council also are required by law to nominate and confirm dozens of citizens to various volunteer boards and commissions. If anyone is interested in serving, they should forward their resume directly to Governor Merrill or my office at the State House. A list of these boards and commissions may be obtained by calling my State House Office at 271-3632.

The year ahead will prove challenging in the area of town, county and state administration of the recently passed House Bill 32 which reallocates, reorganizes most of the Health and Human Services Department of NH State Government. It is extremely important that local and county officials stay in close touch with their State Senators and State Representatives. I have asked Health & Human Services Commissioner Terry Morton to appoint at least 15-20 people from each county to act as advisers to this office as commission. If any of you are interested in serving, please call his office direct 1-800-852-3345 ext. 4331 or send him a note at his office on Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301 expressing your interest.

As of this writing there is still about \$270,000 waiting to be matched by local dollars in the Economic Development Matching Grant Program and \$275,000 waiting to be matched in the Joint Tourist Promotional Program. Both of these programs can be accessed by calling 271-2411.

Some 9 million dollars is waiting at the Office of State Planning (tel. no. 271-2155) in the Community Development Block Grant Program. A town, county, regional economic development council or other regional group is eligible to apply.

The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation has submitted our recommendation to the Governor on various projects submitted to us by towns and

regional planning commissions. It is now up to the Governor to submit his recommendations to the House and Senate by February 15, 1996 and then it's up to those two bodies of state government as to the final disposition of the plan. I don't look for much in the way of new highways, bridges and transportation projects due mainly to lack of money. Hopefully, we'll be able to keep in good repair the transportation system we've got.

It is amazing the advice and technical assistance available in State Government to citizens, businesses and local municipalities. The Office of Industrial Development has a very attractive brochure listing technical, financial and community resources available for the asking by calling 271-2411.

Should my office be of help in matters relating to the Executive Branch, please know that I welcome the opportunity to respond. It is a pleasure to serve you.

Raymond S. Burton
State House - Room 207
Concord, NH 03301
Office - 603-271-3632
Home - 603-747-3662

VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.

REPORT TO THE TOWN OF PIERMONT

We are grateful for the continued support of the town in helping us meet the home care and hospice needs of uninsured persons in Piermont. All services are provided in collaboration with hospital discharge planners and/or with the attending physician and are available to persons of all ages and all economic means. Our VNA staff working out of the Lebanon and Bradford Branch offices provide skilled services for people who may have had recent surgery, may be recovering from an acute illness or disability or may have long term care needs or who may need supportive care and symptom control services during a terminal illness.

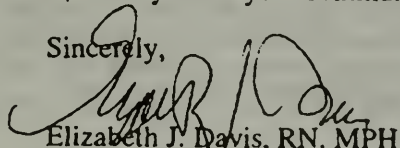
While the majority of services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and commercial insurance; the town funds are critical in helping to support home care and hospice for people without insurance, inadequate insurance or the ability to pay for services. This past year, the VNA incurred a financial loss due to exceeding the subsidy available for the growing numbers of uninsured persons. Each year we hope this trend will reverse and that health insurance will be more available to everyone. However, we are now terribly concerned about the pending changes in Medicare and Medicaid and the impact on home care and hospice services. At a time when there are pressures to reduce hospital stays and freeze nursing home beds, it would seem logical that resources would be shifted to home care and hospice programs. We hope that will be the case.

The following services were provided in the Town of Piermont:

Home Care and Hospice Visits 7/1/94-6/30/95	
Nursing	421
Physical Therapy	62
Occupational Therapy	7
Home Health Aide	353
Homemaker	<u>1</u>
	844
Hospice of the Upper Valley Volunteer Program	
Volunteers: Hours	46 hours

On behalf of the patients and families we serve, thank you for your continuing support.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth J. Davis, RN, MPH
Chief Executive Officer

EJD/akl

cc: Al Marchioni

1/9/96

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

Statistics for the Town of Piermont

October 1, 1994 to September 30, 1995

During this fiscal year, GCSCC served 50 Piermont residents (out of 122 residents over 60, 1990 Census).

<u>Services</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Units of Service</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>Unit(1) Cost</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>Total Cost of Service</u>
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	1,893	x \$	4.33		\$ 8,196.69
Transportation	Trips	556	x \$	5.46		\$ 3,035.76
Adult Day Service	Hours	-0-	x \$	2.71		\$ -0-
Social Services	Half-Hours	104	x \$	11.90		\$ 1,237.60

Number of Piermont Volunteers: 15. Number of Volunteer Hours: 1189.

GCSCC mails out Newsletters to approx. 17 Piermont addresses.

GCSCC cost to provide services for Piermont residents only	<u>\$12,470.05</u>
Request for Senior Services for 1995	\$ 812.00
Received from Town of Piermont for 1995	\$ 812.00
Request for Senior Services for 1996	\$ <u>1,000.00</u>

NOTES:

1. Unit cost from Audit Report for October 1, 1994 to September 30, 1995.
2. Services were funded by: Federal and State Programs 51%, Municipalities, Grants & Contracts, County and United Way 14%, Contributions 12%, In-Kind donations 20%, Other 1%, Friends of GCSCC 2%.

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COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

From Audited Financial Statement for GCSCC
Fiscal Years 1994/1995

October 1 - September 30

UNITS OF SERVICE PROVIDED

	<u>FY 1994</u>	<u>FY 1995</u>
Dining Room Meals	58,721	61,823
Home Delivered Meals	101,738	100,938
Transportation (Trips)	42,891	39,655
Adult Day Service (Hours)	11,498	12,155
Social Services (1/2 Hours)	11,996	10,730

UNITS OF SERVICE COSTS

	<u>FY 1994</u>	<u>FY 1995</u>
Congregate/Home Delivered Meals	\$ 4.39	\$ 4.33
Transportation (Trips)	4.98	5.46
Adult Day Service	5.73	2.71
Social Services	10.64	11.90

For all units based on Audit Report, October 1, 1994 to September 30, 1995

January 1, 1996

To the Townspeople of Piermont, New Hampshire;

Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. responded to 623 requests for medical assistance in 1995. Of those requests, 23 were from the town of Piermont. Our efforts to keep costs down for the townspeople by diversifying operations have been successful. However there have been some events beyond our control which requires the Per Capita charge to the eight towns to increase to \$14.38. We are continuing with the policy of not requiring the member towns to guarantee payment for unpaid ambulance bills.

Current national legislation calls for a seven year freeze in Medicare reimbursement rates, and subjects us to a roll back provision which could reduce rates even further. This and several other changes in both Medicare and Medicaid will impact our service greatly. In addition, The contract UVA had with DHMC to transport radiation therapy patients ended with the opening of the new cancer center. We are currently in the process of re negotiating our ICN/PICU contract. Last year, the Board of Directors chose not to increase the Per Capita charge to fully cover the expenses which exceeded anticipated revenues. Instead we chose to fund the deficit with reserve monies. Unfortunately this year we are unable to again subsidize the budget. To put things in perspective, in 1990 we provided a basic level service at a cost of \$14.00 per capita. Five years later, we are providing an Advanced level service at a cost of \$14.38 per capita. In those five years, by lowering the Per Capita rate when possible, versus staying at \$14.00, we saved the Town of Piermont approximately \$11.00 per capita or \$6,864.00.

Now, to summarize the activities of Upper Valley Ambulance. The primary focus for the ambulance service is to provide emergency transport services. We project a volume of 575 emergency patient transports from the eight town area for the upcoming year. UVA continues to provide DHMC with transport services for their ICN and PICU. We are undertaking a more vigorous campaign to increase the volume of our non-emergency transfers which help offset the expense of providing emergency services. If UVA were to provide only emergency services, our Per Capita rate would approach \$22.00. Of course, even though we offer these non-emergency services, there is no compromise of our primary mission of providing emergency services in the eight town coverage area.

We continue to use a mix of full-time and part-time paid ambulance personnel. The day to day operations of the ambulance service are being expertly managed by John Vose, Administrator/ Paramedic (who was recognized as the 1995 Vermont Officer of the Year) and Kevin Cole, Field Supervisor, who report directly to the committee of Town Directors, who are appointed by the Selectmen of the towns.

We have set some ambitious goals for 1996. It has been our goal since we started to provide the highest level of emergency care possible. We have again upgraded our service, from EMT- Defibrillation to the Paramedic level which allows the administration of IV fluids, cardiac medications, advanced airway maneuvers and defibrillation for heart attack victims. The defibrillator machines were purchased with funds donated by generous area residents and the highly successful second annual golf tournament at Lake Morey Country Club.

An opportunity you as a resident of Piermont can take advantage of is our Subscription Service. The yearly membership fee entitles you to medically necessary Emergency transportation at no additional costs. Subscription applications are available at your local Town Offices, or through Upper Valley Ambulance. In addition, as a resident of Piermont you are entitled to FREE CPR training through Upper Valley Ambulance. We urge ALL residents to learn CPR. Classes will be held quarterly, watch for details soon.

Submitted,

Larry A. Lancaster
Chair, Board of Directors
Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT - FISCAL YEAR 1995

The Grafton County Board of Commissioners is pleased to present the following reports and financial statements. We hope they will increase your understanding of Grafton County's finances and operations and assure citizens that their County tax dollars have been expended wisely.

During FY 1995, funds received exceeded the budget by \$163,615.52 for a total of \$14,981,914.52 in actual County revenues. This was primarily due to the receipt of Medicaid Proportionate Share Payment, given by the Federal Government to partially offset the cost of serving a disproportionate share of Medicaid recipients at the County Nursing Home.

Actual expenditures totaled \$14,598,041.22 which was \$220,257.78 less than had been budgeted. This includes \$378,525 paid to the State of New Hampshire to enable the County to receive \$757,050 in Medicaid Proportionate Share Payment, for a net receipt of \$378,525 which was used by the County to start a Nursing Home Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$200,000 and the balance going to surplus to help reduce the amount to be raised by County taxes. Expenditures for Medical Referee, Dispatch Center, Grafton County Conservation District, and Outside Counsel were all a little overexpended based on what was budgeted, but all other County departments were well under their budgeted amounts.

The bottom line for FY 1995 showed that revenues exceeded expenditures by \$383,873.30 leaving the County in a sound financial position at the end of its fiscal year. The Commissioners feel extremely proud of this financial picture, which exemplifies good management by all County department heads, both elected and appointed.

Grafton County experienced some major changes during FY 1995, some of which were the retirement of Douglas "Bum" Bigelow who served the County with forty-four years of dedicated, loyal service. The Commissioners would also like to take the opportunity to thank former Commissioner Betty Jo Taffe for her years of dedicated service to the citizens and employees of Grafton County. The Commissioners would also like to extend their thanks to Joanne Mann for doing an excellent job as Acting Administrator of the Nursing Home through November of 1994. At that time, Mr. John Will came on board as the Nursing Home Administrator, and we would like to welcome Mr. Will and inform you he has done a superb job thus far. Last but not least, we would like to welcome our newest Commissioner, Mr. Steve Panagoulis, Vice-Chairman, Grafton County Board of Commissioners, District 3. Commissioner Panagoulis brings a great deal of knowledge and sound judgment to the Board, and has shown those qualities since January, 1995. We feel Commissioner Panagoulis is a great asset to the citizens and employees of Grafton County.

FY 1995 was another busy year for the Department of Corrections. Admissions were up, although inmate days decreased slightly. The Electronic Monitoring Program continues to grow, and appears to be an excellent form of alternative sentencing, and now has expanded to include the Drug Freedom Program which is funded through a grant from the Attorney General's Office. Superintendent Bird continues utilizing many volunteers for a number of in-house programs.

The Grafton County Nursing Home has seen changes during the past year in the following areas: computer hardware upgrade, and adding a new part-time dietary aide to help serve meals. In May, Cheryl Ridley, RN, became our new Director of Nursing, our census continues to grow, and our Staff Development Coordinator has implemented a "Quality Assurance" program in-house.

The Commissioners are extremely proud of the Whole Village Family Resource Center project, which continues on track, and hopefully will be completed by the end of the next fiscal year. We are certain it will benefit many citizens and their families in Southeastern Grafton County.

All other County departments were extremely busy during FY 1995. The County Treasurer did an excellent job investing County funds, and exceeded the budgeted interest revenue figure by \$55,177.78. The new County Attorney has done an excellent job in his office, and the number of backlog cases has been reduced drastically. Our Sheriff's Department and Dispatch Center continue to increase with activity, and remain as effective and efficient as always. Carol Elliott, Register of Deeds, and her staff also continue to be overwhelmed with work, and continue to do an excellent job and to generate a great deal of revenue for the County and the State of New Hampshire.

For FY 1995, the Commissioners concluded with preparation of the FY 1996 County Budget, which was adopted by the County Legislative Delegation in late June.

The Grafton County Board of Commissioners holds regular weekly meetings at the County Administration Building on Route 10 just north of the County Courthouse in North Haverhill, with periodic tours of the Nursing Home, Department of Corrections, County Farm, and Courthouse. The Commissioners also attend monthly meetings of the Grafton County Executive Committee. All meetings are public, with interested citizens and members of the press encouraged to attend. Call the Commissioners' Office at 787-6941 to confirm date, time and schedule.

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In closing, we wish to express our appreciation to all staff members, elected officials, other agency personnel, and the public for their efforts in serving the citizens of Grafton County.

Respectfully submitted,

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Barbara B. Hill, Chairman
(District 1) Steve Panagoulis, Vice Chairman (District 3)
Raymond S. Burton, Clerk (District 2).

UPPER VALLEY RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT, 1995

The Upper Valley River Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions has met monthly to work on its river corridor management plan and to advise the states of NH and VT, the federal government, and the Joint Commissions on local matters affecting the river.

Education and enforcement are emerging as the primary needs for the river in this region. Our inquiry into water quality has led us to draw state and federal attention to concerns about combined sewer overflows in Lebanon, leachate from the Ompompanoosue copper mines, and bank erosion. Our concern for the potential impacts of boat wakes and water level manipulation upon riverbanks has led us to look carefully at boat access and to work closely with New England Power Company. We think that citizens want and need to know more about how they can help, such as keeping their boat wakes low to avoid causing bank erosion and checking their boats to be sure they are not carrying milfoil or Zebra Mussels. We regret to report that Eurasian milfoil has been discovered on the river, at Hoyt's Landing in Springfield, VT.

We have met with fisheries and wildlife biologists and other experts to learn more about the needs of these resources in our area. The Connecticut River Macrosite, an area of especially rich and diverse habitat, is located along the river in our region. We agree that existing laws and wetland rules should be followed, and that good science should support all decision-making.

Our preliminary review of existing town plans and regulations of our region shows that strong language exists in most master plans but little has been incorporated into regulations.

The Subcommittee has been asked to comment on a number of permit applications. On a permit to close Lebanon's unlined landfill and create a riprapped swale to direct storm water into the river, we asked for alternatives for the runoff. For work on an historic bridge in Lyme, we noted the exceptional fishing in the area and questioned whether dredged sediments should be deposited on the steep banks next to the bridge as proposed. We also urged DOT to routinely consult with the natural heritage inventory program early in its project planning. On an indirect discharge permit for the Bradford High School, we commended the VT agency for ensuring regular evaluation of system's performance. Finally, we recommended approval of a vegetative bank stabilization project in Orford, where streamside plantings could complement good wildlife habitat in a nearby setback, and of two small seasonal docks in Lyme.

The Upper Valley River Subcommittee, formed in January, 1993 under the NH Rivers Management and Protection Act, includes riverfront towns from Piermont to Lebanon, NH and Bradford to Hartford, VT, and by law, members who represent local government, local business, agriculture, recreation, conservation, and riverfront landowners. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory powers. All meetings are open to the public and take place on the third Monday of each month from 7-9 pm at the Lyme Town Office. Citizens are encouraged to attend and contribute their ideas. If you wish to serve on the Subcommittee, please contact the selectmen.

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SCHOOL BOARD
of the
PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
for the
FISCAL YEAR
July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995

**ORGANIZATION OF PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD**

Roger Hutchins
Cindy Putnam
Alex Medlicott
Fred Shipman - elected 3/95

Term Expired 1995
Term Expires 1996
Term Expires 1997
Term Expires 1998

MODERATOR

Dean Osgood

CLERK

Ellen Putnam

HEALTH OFFICER

Barbara Stevens

TREASURER

Ellen Putnam

AUDITORS

Plodzick & Sanderson

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Douglas B. McDonald, Ed.D (resigned 6/30/95)

Linda J. Nelson (appointed 7/1/95)

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Linda J. Nelson(1994-95)

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Edward Emond

1994-1995 STAFF TEACHERS

Jane Slayton - Principal/Grades 7-8
Paula Poirier - Art
Dale Gilson - Kindergarten
Sara Collette - Grades 1-2
Eileen Belyea - Grades 3-4
Nancy Sandell - Grades 5-6/Science 7-8
Lydia Hill - English 4-8/Library Aide

Jeanne Tilghman - Special Ed./Chapter I
Karen Brown - Aide Grades 1-2
Deborah Craig - Special Education Aide
Pamela Hartley - Special Education Aide
Terry Hogan - Special Education Aide
Dawn Stygles - Special Education Aide
Nancy Underhill - Librarian
Joe Stallsmith - Guidance

SCHOOL SECRETARY

Cindy Jackson

SCHOOL NURSE

Will Hill

TRANSPORTATION

Clough Transportation

SCHOOL LUNCH

Linda Lea
Tammy Collins
Irma Waterman

MINUTES 1995
Tuesday, March 14, 1995

Officials Present During Balloting:

Dean Osgood
Alfred Stevens
Linda Lambert
Pearl Smith
Meda Kinghorn
Jim Lambert
Charlotte Wilson
Everett Jesseman
Suzanne Woodard
Elizabeth Trussell
Myron Mueller
Margaret Ritchie Cleaves
Jean Daley
Robert Lang
Ellen Putnam

School Ballots Counted By:

Robert Elder
Charlotte Wilson
Ellen Putnam

Minutes of the Business Meeting March 14, 1995

At the meeting of the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Piermont, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in the district affairs, holden at the Village School in said town, the fourteenth day of March, nineteen hundred ninety-five at 11:00 a.m. Dean Osgood, acting as Moderator, opened the ballot box for inspection, then closed and locked it, declaring the polls open.

At 7:00 p.m. the polls were declared closed by Dean Osgood, acting as Moderator. A tally of school votes were made by Robert Elder, Charlotte Wilson and Ellen Putnam: for Moderator: S. Arnold Shields (148), Frank Rodimon, Jr. (1); for clerk: Ellen Putnam (149), Albert Hodsdon (1), Lydia Hill (1), Julie Lamarre (1), Cheryl Robie (1), Coreena Dube (1), Mary Green (1); for Board Member: Frederick W. Shipman (115), Mary Green (31), Roger Hutchins (2), Mike Hall (1), Don Mitchel (1), Mike Hogan (1), Jim Musty (1), Marilyn Green (1).

At 8:00 p.m. the Town Meeting was convened by acting Moderator Dean Osgood, the Warren was read and the results of the balloting were read. The officers present were then duly sworn into office.

Ellen A. Putnam, School Clerk

Minutes of the Business Meeting March 21, 1995

The Annual Meeting of the School District of Piermont was called to order by Moderator Arnold Shields at 7:04 PM on March 21, 1995. Following the salute to the flag, the moderator explained the need for all who wished to address the meeting, and who were physically able, to use the microphone located in the center aisle. Anyone wishing to be heard, and physically unable to approach the microphone would be assisted. This procedure, the moderator explained, was for the sake of the record. Further, the moderator announced that he had charged Bill Winot and Bruce Lamarre with the duty of assisting as counters for the evening. The moderator then read the Warrant as updated, noting that it contained one more article than the way it was printed in the Town Report.

ARTICLE I: Alex Medlicott, Chair, moved to accept reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers Chosen, as written in the Town Report. Second: Cindy Putnam. Alex Medlicott stood to make a presentation, noting that this was the last Annual School Meeting at which Roger Hutchins would be sitting on the Board's side of the table. He noted that Roger had served on the School Board longer than anyone, including Roger, could remember. Alex presented to Roger a plaque, in appreciation for his years of service, and for being a role model for both himself and for fellow Board Member Cindy Putnam. He stated that it was a bittersweet honor to read the plaque as follows: To Roger Hutchins, in appreciation of exceptional service to Piermont School as District School Board Member and Chairperson 1985 - 1995. There followed a standing ovation and hearty round of applause. Roger then spoke, saying thanks, and that he had the opportunity; to work with wonderful teachers, excellent administrators, and a very cooperative school board. He had worked with four different school board members, who had each been a joy to work with, and that it had been a wonderful opportunity for him to grow and develop in his personal interests in the school as well as his occupation. He will miss it dearly, but it is time to move on and, again, thanks. More applause. There being no further discussion, Moderator Shields called for the voice vote, and declared it to be in the affirmative.

ARTICLE II: Joe Medlicott moved that the District vote to set the salaries of the School District Treasurer at \$600.00 per year, the School District Clerk at \$62.50 per year, the Moderator at \$62.50 per year, the Ballot Clerks at \$10.00 per year, the Supervisors of the Checklist at \$10.00 per year and the Truant Officer at \$50.00 per year. Second: Dean Osgood. No discussion. Voice vote, in the affirmative with one dissenting vote.

ARTICLE III: Katherine Wescott moved that the district vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 197:1 which would allow the School District Annual Meeting to be held on the same day as the business of the Town Meeting, as long as that meeting occurs between 1 March and 25 March inclusive. Second: Frank Rodimon, Jr. No discussion. Voice vote. Defeated.

ARTICLE IV: (Before hearing any discussion on this article Moderator Shields noted that this article and the following would both be voted on by paper ballot as he had been presented with a legal petition signed by 10 registered voters requesting same.) Russell Woodard moved that the district authorize the Piermont School Board to contract with a single area high school for the purpose of reducing tuition costs. If a student wants to

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attend another school in which the cost of tuition EXCEEDS the contracted school, the parents will pay the difference. Second: Dot Rodimon.

Frank Rodimon, Jr. moved to amend the article to read that students currently going to a high school would be grandfathered for the four years. Second: Jim Lambert. Janice Sundnas spoke of her concern for the present eighth grade class, and that the article that has been petitioned is in a very short time frame for the school board to make a decision concerning where these students will be going to high school. Sundnas then moved that the amendment be amended to include the graduating class of 1995 which would allow the school board enough time for a thoughtful and considered decision concerning high school tuition. Second: Teresa Rodimon. Richard Carter stated that his understanding of the intention of the article is to send all of the students to one high school and thereby save money. He is concerned that although the plan may save money now, down the road the cost may be higher. He noted the struggles Orford is having with its school, and the possibility that they may close. He asked what the length of the contract would be with Woodsville. Alex Medlicott responded that the minimum contract would be for three years with the option to re-up after three years. Carter was concerned for the students who might be uprooted in a changeover if the contract was not extended with the same school, and another was entered into with a different school. Would they be grandfathered? Medlicott responded that they probably would be grandfathered. Carter stated that he feels the savings would not continue down the road. He added his belief that at present Piermont is a nice place to live because the choice is there for parents to send their children where they want. If this option is taken away, the cost to parents would be absurd, noting that he could not afford it with his four children. He worries that his children would be going to different high schools.

Will Hill stated that because of his work schedule he had been unable to attend monthly, but that he enjoys the opportunity to speak out on his opinion, and is glad that so many people were there to express their logical opinions, based on a lot of thought. He acknowledged that everyone is short of money; expenses were going up, taxes were going up, everyone was showing true concern and going about it in a really terrific way. He felt there had been a lot of support for the school in the past, which is obvious by the building in which the meeting was being held; the previous building was a fire trap. He expressed his thanks to everyone in the community for supporting the school to this point, and his wish that they continue to do so. Hill then read a letter he had written and which had been printed in several area newspapers; Piermont, New Hampshire has no high school so the town must tuition its resident students to area schools. Until now, Piermont Village School graduates have enjoyed the opportunity of choosing the area school they felt best fit their needs. This choice of high schools has been well appreciated over the years. Now a group of Piermont residents is petitioning the school board to contract with a single high school to accept most, if not all, Piermont Village School graduates. This may result in a savings to Piermont taxpayers, but the loss, I feel, to the students would far outweigh any monetary gain. The decision of which school to attend is made by the student and his

family, as it stands now, after considering many things. The distance to the school and how the student will commute is considered. The size of the school is important, as is its general reputation. Deserved or not, a school's reputation and the "feel" one gets when visiting that school is critical to the ultimate decision. It is important to note that schools do change over the years - some for the better, and some for the worse. A school considered poor or mediocre a few years ago may now be award-winning. A great school now may experience budget cuts, administrative or staff turnover, contractual or legal difficulties, taxpayer revolt, curriculum changes or any number of negative influences that could move to disrupt or displace the resolve, commitment, energy and morale that formerly defined its excellence. Area high schools are naturally interested in promoting and maintaining a high level of academic excellence for their students. Successfully attracting tuition students from communities and grammar schools besides their own provides them with a more diverse and vibrant student body, and at the same time helps them pay the expenses of education. In other words, to attract and keep these students, it is in each high school's best interest to keep tuition low and education quality high. I could live with the compromise of keeping high school choice in place, but charging the parents the difference in tuition. Unfortunately, I know many families who would be barred from exercising school choice because of this new financial burden. They simply could not afford the four yearly payments, per child, for a public high school - no matter how well that school might fit that student's needs.

Suzanne Woodard stated that a lot of good points had been made in favor of keeping kids free to go to different schools, but what has not been heard is about old folks who are on a fixed income, and have to live within it. They might want a pair of Reebok sneakers but must make do with whatever discount store is available. She thinks that while we are thinking about what is best for the children we should also consider the older people in the community who are paying taxes for those children; they have paid taxes for a long time and should be able to relax now and pay a little less. Woodard stated that she thinks the school board has enough brain to pick a school that will give the children as good an education as they can possibly get.

Shirley Lang objected to the article on the grounds that every three or five or ten years we will not know where our children are going to go to high school; whether it is a good school, a bad school, whether we want them to or not. As a property owner, if someone came to her with an interest in buying her property and asked where their children were going to be going to high school, she would have to answer that she doesn't know. She would be concerned that the potential buyer would choose a house in Bradford over hers, because they would then know that their children would be attending Bradford's high school. She feels this could be a big issue for anyone who may be in the position of wanting to sell their home in the future. Lang also cautioned that if a seller were to state that students would be attending Woodsville High School, and then the contract changed to another school, the seller could then be sued by the buyer for having given false information previous to the sale. Asked by the Moderator to clarify her position on the amendment, Lang stated that she was for it,

because she feels children should be able to go wherever they choose.

Lee Robie called the question. Second: Abby Metcalf. Passes.

Moderator Shields asked that the clerk re-read the amendment to the amendment for purpose of clarification, then called for a voice vote. Voice vote too close for Moderator Shields to decide, so a standing vote was called resulting in 79 affirmative, 88 negative; amendment to the amendment defeated.

George Hill a Junior at Woodsville High spoke, noting his intensive, year-long search, and choice from five primary options. He knew on the first day that his choice had been the right one; that though he thought about it long and hard before graduating from Piermont, and, though other schools would have made other students very happy, Woodsville was the school which offered him the most. Specifically to the amendment, he stated his passionate support. While he understood that Woodsville would probably be the chosen school for a contract, that if he put himself in the shoes of a person who chose Oxbow, or Hanover or St. Johnsbury over Woodsville, he could see that they would be devastated by having to leave two or three invested years in their high school to go to a place they had already decided was not the place for them. Speaking personally, he knows he has two years invested in the friends he has made, the reputation he has, the accomplishments he has made, the time he has spent helping Woodsville High School itself. If he were to be unable to finish his senior year in high school, perhaps the best, most important year of his free education before he goes off to the big world of college, he knows he would be entering a school starting entirely over; it would badly hurt him, and would be something he would strongly look back upon in later years as a hurtful thing which his town had done to him to save a few hundred dollars after promising him a chance to make the most of his education at the school which he strongly felt was the place for him. He stated that he was generally opposed to the article on the Warrant, but asked that if the article must pass, that as a courtesy to him, his graduating class from Piermont and the graduating classes before him please don't take back a gift which has already been given them. Applause. The Moderator commended Hill on the fine job he did in sharing his opinion.

Mary Greene spoke of the fact that she is a parent, and has two boys just like that fine young man, (George Hill), and that she feels that he should go to the school he wants to, but that is not what this is all about. When she was raising her boys, she gave them everything that she could, and she went without so they could have a lot of benefits. This article, on the Warrant, states that every child in this community has free choice. There are people in this community who are doing without in order to provide for the children to go to any school that they choose where the taxpayers have to pay. She feels it is only fair, since we are a community not only of children, but of older people, middle-age people who have come to this community, that we should think of everyone. She thinks it important that the parents, if they really want their children to go to a certain school, that they will have the money to pay the difference.

Applause.

Gina Guidici Oakes stated that while she is not a parent, she is a teacher at Woodsville Elementary School, first grade. She feels that the amendment is about a commitment that we made to those children four years ago. We are talking about their futures, for \$100 this year, perhaps \$100 next year. In time, if the savings is that important, it will occur. But we need to fulfill the commitment that we, as adults, made to those children. We need to show them that we are going to follow through with that. Applause.

Will Priestly said he plans to vote against the article, but doesn't feel that is the real issue that's at stake here. He can understand everyone being upset about paying taxes, nobody likes that, and to see them go up each year is upsetting but that is a fact of life. Just like everything else, taxes are going to go up each year. The cost of the school is the biggest part of taxes, and most of that is mandated by the state; we don't have any choice. We've got an incredibly dedicated school board and staff; to save money they are out mowing the lawns on their own time. Similar to that, the Volunteers in Piermont, the Piermont Outdoor Program is incredible dedication of people to the town. That dedication is going to go away if they don't get support from the townspeople; and there is not much left of the town if the school is falling apart and the spirit is not there. He went to a vocational school where the students came from thirteen different towns, and got a great education, but there was no school spirit because everyone was loyal to their own town. The issue of being retired and living on a fixed income, while he does not know what that is like, he can imagine, and believe that while we all feel like we don't have enough money, we all have means we have to live within. It seems to him that we are always going to need fire trucks, graders and schools. Priestly also feels that if we cut out all the fun aspects of going to school like field trips, which some consider frivolous, we will have a bunch of idiots in town, because the children won't be interested in going to school. This would actually save considerably, because we would not need a contract at all if all of the students drop out. There are plenty of ways to raise revenues for the town, as opposed to trying to cut everything and live without. He wrote a letter to the paper and got a handful of people interested, and hopes to someday start a chamber of commerce that will help the local business people to learn how to run a business better, get cheaper rates and also promote the town. There are many ways we can bring revenue to the town without bringing in industry that people don't want; we don't have to have strip malls, and strip housing. He hopes to someday get a group together that will work toward those means. If this year we cut out school choice, we save a few thousand, next year we have more high school kids and it goes up again and we have to find something else to cut, and there is only so much to cut. Asked by the Moderator if he was for or against the amendment, Priestly said it didn't make much difference. Applause.

Robert Lang called the question. Second: Lee Robie. Passes.

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Vote on Amendment: voice vote called, passes.

Moderator Shields explained procedures for the ballot vote to be held after discussion on article is finished.

Dean Osgood asked for clarification of the wording of the article, specifically the word "authorize", as opposed to "mandate". Does this mean it is left up to the school board's discretion? Alex Medlicott stated that this is an advisory article. He added that if the article did pass the voters, the board would be compelled to follow the wishes of the voters, the people who had elected them. He added that the board had been reluctant to bring up this measure because in the past the sentiments of the town have been against it, and the potential savings have been insignificant. However, in the past year there have been two factors which have changed his own thinking; Orford's tuition has gone up considerably and there are now more eighth graders considering going to Hanover High School, which is a much higher tuition. The savings for 1995 are much higher than they would have been five years ago. Osgood noted the example listed in the Town Report of a potential contract with Woodsville, and the projected savings of around \$28,000. Medlicott stated that those figures were in the event that none of the present students were grandfathered, but that since that had been voted down, the savings would be more in the area of \$10,000 in the upcoming year. Osgood asked, what percent of the overall budget the \$28,000 would have represented, and agreed with Medlicott that it would be about three percent of the overall budget. Osgood proposed an amendment that would require the school board to present any possible contract to the voters at a meeting before finalizing such a contract. Second: Ben Gitchell. Dr. Douglas McDonald explained that the board currently has the right to enter into a contract without permission of the district as long as it is not a long-term contract. He also stated that this amendment would be strictly advisory. Moderator Shields clarified the point that state statutes would override any vote passing this amendment, and asked Osgood if he wished to continue or to withdraw his motion. Osgood stated that he would continue. Shields then restated the amendment: the school board be directed, irrespective of who they contract with, the contract be presented to the town for a vote. Roger Hutchins noted as a point of interest that the agreements within the contracts are not agreements which the school board proposed, but are proposals the Haverhill school board has offered to Piermont depending on the percentage of pupils going to that school. This is a contract that is pretty much standard with the Haverhill School District, and they offer it to other schools, also. Hutchins also pointed out that the article as written is advisory, but the board did not write it; the article as petitioned.

Shirley Lang wants clarification. Mr. Osgood has asked that the school board obtain a contract, come back to the town, tell us what this contract is and we vote on it. Mr. McDonald says that whatever the town decides is irrelevant, because the school board has the right to make the choice. The school board tells us that the town of Haverhill, if we go with them, is telling us the conditions for taking our high school students. In turn, we don't get to say anything, but hand them a check for umpteen thousand

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dollars. We can't tell them we don't like their programs, we can't tell them we want certain programs, we can't tell them we don't like their discipline; we can't say anything. All we do is take what they give us. Medlicott pointed out that is no different than with any of the high schools now. Lang replied that now the child and the parent are making a choice, according to their needs as they see them. Now as a parent, or a student, they have a choice. If her kid wants to take a subject that is not offered at the school that the board chooses, the child cannot take that subject. She cannot go to the school board and say that for her child to go to college and study this, he needs to have this subject matter. The school board isn't going to listen to her. St. Johnsbury Academy doesn't listen to her either, but she has the right to say, "O.K., you don't offer the course, my son needs that course, I'll take him out and go somewhere else." But she can't do that at Haverhill if the course is not offered. Applause.

David Davis feels the issue is getting muddled. We need to take into consideration our children. Presently they have good opportunities with several high schools to look where they want to go. To put them in the position of having only one high school is going to hurt a lot of these children, and not just the ones who are in schools now, but future children. He thinks this question really needs to be thought about, and that other options are available; not only to contract with one school. There are options with Orford down the road, of a community-type high school which he feels should be researched. He feels that even though a lot of elderly people are on a fixed income, they can't assume that all parents are going to be able to make up that tuition; its going to be hard. If he has to, he will, but it is not going to be easy; a lot of parents are going to look at it that way. He asks everyone to look at this issue very carefully when they vote. Applause.

Dot Rodimon feels we are treating our kids like a bunch of wimps. By telling them that they can't go to this school or that school, when their grandparents can't pay their taxes; are their parents going to hold their hands when they go to college, too? We've got good teachers here in Piermont and they're supposed to be bringing these kids up, and the parents as well, and she doesn't see why people think its such a pity they can't go where they want to. They won't have everything they want when they get out of school; they are going to have to work for it. Applause.

Lee Robie called the question on the amendment. Second: Gail Shipman. Moderator called for the clerk to reread the amendment. Voice vote, defeated.

Barbara Fowler was faced as a parent with making this kind of decision in 1985. She had a youngster who received from Piermont the state average to go to the high school of his choice, and when his sister came along it was decided the school could not continue this policy because it was a religious-based school, and therefore there was a question as to whether the taxpayers' money would be permitted to be spent in this manner. She had a youngster who was thirteen at the time, trying to decide what she wanted to do, and one of her primary motivations was to make a choice. We all have

that choice which is one of the remarkable features, and she supports that. But her daughter was faced with not going where she wanted to go, where her brother was, and it was going to cost a lot more money. Fowler recounted a conversation with Elizabeth during which Elizabeth acknowledged that she understood that this school would cost more, that it was a church-supported school, and that she would go to church three times a week. Elizabeth stated that she believed in God, because it adds meaning to life. Fowler stated that the kind of commitment that she, as Elizabeth's parent, and Elizabeth and her brother made to this school added a tremendous amount of meaning to Elizabeth's life. Elizabeth made a commitment to that school experience, as a family they got behind her and worked for it and it was very successful for her. Added commitment pulled it together; it can have meaning. Applause.

Bill Putnam asked that a lot of people take a minute and think. He is concerned that some of the people who are in favor of eliminating choice are forgetting that they sent a lot of kids through this school system. They had their choice and it worked well for them. At that time, probably their parents were on a fixed income, it probably was hard for them as it certainly was for some other people. If it was a matter of \$100,000, \$200,000 or \$300,000 savings, he feels it would be worth looking into. For \$20,000 or \$30,000 or \$40,000 it may come back to haunt you in the long run. If you put three or four school kids where they don't adjust and come along and do well, and pull them out and put them somewhere else and give them some special ed or something like that, that costs you some money, too. Everybody needs to stop and think that they brought kids through this school system, it was hard for their parents and whoever else was there, too. It is affecting our kids now, and it probably will their kids some other time. Applause.

Lyman Robie asked for clarification. Does this mean that every student is going to go to this school, except for the grandfathered ones? Medlicott explained that is not the case. He pointed out that the wording states that the students can go anywhere they want. However, if there is a more expensive tuition at the school that they want to go to, then the tuition over and above the amount of the designated high school needs to be made up by the family. Asked by Robie if the percentage of students would make a difference on the tuition rate, Medlicott explained that the wording of a possible contract with Woodsville has percentages which determine the amount of savings. If 100% of the students voluntarily attend that school there will be a 5% savings, if greater than 50% but less than 100% attend the savings would be 4%. Therefore the percentages there are by chance and would result in savings. There is not going to be an enforced percentage, that would compel a certain percent to go to the school.

Donna Huntington stated that she was speaking for people who can't speak for themselves. She noted that she has been a visiting nurse for eleven years, and almost all of her caseload are people over the age of seventy-five. Most of those in our catchment area of seventy-one towns in the Upper Valley, and indeed, nationwide,

Minutes Continued:

live below the poverty level. She wants everyone to know that most of the people present have no idea what this means; to be seventy-five years old and not have enough money for food, medicines; to live a decent life. Any savings that we can give back to those people that have been paying taxes for years is worth it. Those who are young enough to work and bite the bullet to send our kids where we want them to go have an obligation to do it. It's called personal accountability; we need to teach that to our kids. You want something, you find a way to give that to your own kids. Applause.

Frank Rodimon, Jr. called the question. Second: Jim Lambert. Passes.

Vote by paper ballot: 193 voters, Yes (91), No (102), article defeated. Applause.

ARTICLE V: Alex Medlicott moved the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$873,376.00 for the support of the schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

Second: Katherine Musty.

No discussion. Question called by Glen Ackerman. Second: Fred Shipman. Passes.

Vote by paper ballot: 184 voters, Yes (106), No (77), (1) not cast. Article passes. Applause.

Moderator Shields thanked everyone present for participating in a wonderful exercise in democracy.

ARTICLE VI: Cindy Putnam moved to adjourn. Second: Kristi Medill. No discussion. Passes. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully,

Ellen Putnam, School District Clerk

PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Piermont, County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Piermont Village School in Piermont, New Hampshire on the 12th day of February, 1996 polls to be open for election of officers at 11:00 o'clock in the morning and to close not earlier than 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

- ARTICLE 1: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 2: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, a School District Clerk for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 3: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 1: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, one School Board Member for a term of three years.

Given under our hands as said Piermont this 31th day of January 1996.

Alex Medlicott, Chairperson

Fred Shipman

Cindy Putnam
Piermont School Board

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Piermont, County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Piermont Village School in Piermont, New Hampshire on the 19th day of March, 1996 action on the articles in this warrant to be taken commencing at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE 1: To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the District will vote to appropriate \$120.00 to help support, with other school districts, the case of the Claremont School District et al vs. Governor et al, a court challenge to the constitutionality of New Hampshire's method of funding public education through near total reliance on local property taxes. (Recommended by a majority of the School Board.)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the District will vote to set the salaries of the School District Treasurer at \$600.00 per year, the School District Clerk at \$62.50 per year, the Moderator at \$62.50 per year, the Ballot Clerks at \$10.00 per year, the Supervisors of the Checklist at \$10.00 per year and the Truant Officer at \$50.00 per year. (Recommended by a majority of the School Board.)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the district will authorize the Piermont School Board to enter into a tuition agreement with the Haverhill Cooperative School District, grades 9 through 12, under the terms and provisions determined by the Piermont School Board but insuring that the Piermont students may be assigned to other schools as long as the tuition rate does not exceed 110% of the contracted rate of the Haverhill Cooperative School District for the same school year excluding any charge for transportation. This provision to start with the Piermont Village School eighth grade class of 1996. If a student wants to attend another school in which the cost of tuition exceeds 110% of the contracted rate, the parents will pay the difference. (Piermont tuition to Haverhill for 1996-97 of \$5,952.00 x 110% = \$6,547.) Piermont School District will provide transportation to Haverhill schools. (Recommended by a majority of the School Board.)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the district will authorize the Piermont School Board to contract with a single area high school for the purpose of reducing tuition costs. If a student wants to attend another school in which the cost of tuition EXCEEDS the contracted school, the parents will pay the difference. (This will not affect students already attending high school.) (By Petition)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the District will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c to be known as the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of educating educationally handicapped children. Furthermore to name the school board as agents to expend and to raise and appropriate up to nine thousand dollars (\$9,000)

Warrant Continued:

with such sum to be funded from withdrawal of \$9,000 from the School Building Capital Reserve Fund. (2/3 vote required.) (Recommended by a majority of the School Board.)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the District will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c to be known as the Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for building maintenance. Furthermore to name the school board as agents to expend and to raise and appropriate up to nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) with such sum to be funded from withdrawal of \$9,000 from the School Building Capital Reserve Fund. (2/3 vote required.) (Recommended by a majority of the School Board.)

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of the schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received for the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands as said Piermont this 31th day of January 1996.

Alex Medlicott, Chairperson
Fred Shipman
Cindy Putnam
Piermont School Board

Audit Report

The Piermont School District has been audited by the firm Plodzik & Sanderson Professional Association. Copies of the audit are available for public review at the Superintendent's Office on South Court St. in Woodsville, NH.

Piermont School District
1996-97 Proposed Budget

<u>DISTRICT SUMMARY</u>		<u>Actual</u> <u>1994-95</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>1995-96</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u> <u>1996-97</u>	<u>+/-</u>
<u>A.</u>	<u>Instruction</u>				
1100	Regular Programs	\$419,246.54	\$475,111.00	\$480,068.00	\$4,957.00
1270	Gifted and Talented	\$191.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
1300	Vocational Education	\$14,850.00	\$14,400.00	\$14,400.00	\$0.00
2120	Guidance	\$7,395.91	\$7,677.00	\$7,126.00	(\$551.00)
2125	Testing	\$757.88	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
2190	Assemblies	\$948.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2212	Curriculum Development/Inst.	\$300.00			\$0.00
2213	Inst. Staff Training	\$1,757.56	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$0.00
2221	Ed. Media Supervision	\$3,793.23	\$3,851.00	\$3,998.00	\$147.00
2222	School Library	\$1,215.26	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00
2223	Audiovisual	\$495.00	\$485.00	\$485.00	\$0.00
2490	Other Support-Graduation	\$107.55	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$451,057.93	\$507,624.00	\$512,177.00	\$4,553.00
<u>B.</u>	<u>Co-Curricular</u>	<u>\$2,392.18</u>	<u>\$2,068.00</u>	<u>\$2,076.00</u>	<u>\$8.00</u>
<u>C.</u>	<u>Special Education</u>				
1200	Special Programs	\$63,954.03	\$84,608.00	\$94,573.00	\$9,965.00
1420	Summer School	\$2,831.52	\$3,905.00	\$4,907.00	\$1,002.00
2140	Psychological Services	\$840.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
2150	Speech and Audiology	\$12,660.00	\$12,050.00	\$11,021.00	(\$1,029.00)
2159	Speech - Summer School	\$325.51	\$550.00	\$580.00	\$30.00
	TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$80,611.06	\$101,213.00	\$111,181.00	\$9,968.00
<u>D.</u>	<u>SAU Services</u>				
2321	Office of the Superintendent	\$27,541.00	\$32,508.00	\$33,300.00	\$792.00
	TOTAL SAU SERVICES	\$27,541.00	\$32,508.00	\$33,300.00	\$792.00
<u>E.</u>	<u>Administration</u>				
2410	Office of the Principal	\$13,408.84	\$14,991.00	\$15,276.00	\$285.00

Piermont School District
1996-97 Proposed Budget

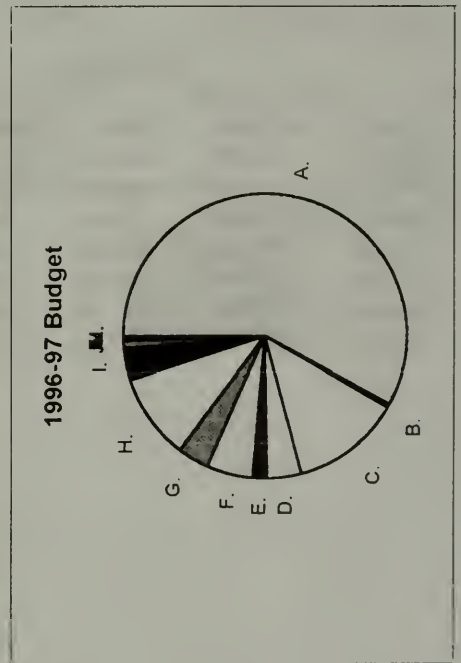
		<u>Actual</u> <u>1994-95</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>1995-96</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u> <u>1996-97</u>	<u>+/-</u>
<u>F.</u>	<u>Operation of Buildings</u>				
	2542 Buildings	\$34,942.61	\$43,696.00	\$43,696.00	\$0.00
	2543 Grounds	\$580.00	\$1,375.00	\$1,375.00	\$0.00
	2544 Equipment	\$1,936.95	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL OPERATION OF BUILDINGS	\$37,459.56	\$47,471.00	\$47,471.00	\$0.00
<u>G.</u>	<u>Transportation</u>				
	2552 To and From School	\$27,583.00	\$28,410.00	\$28,410.00	\$0.00
	2553 Handicapped	\$944.02	\$2,075.00	\$1,512.00	(\$563.00)
	2554 Field Trips	\$85.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
	2555 Athletics				\$0.00
	2558 Summer School Handicapped	\$272.24	\$400.00	\$770.00	\$370.00
	TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	\$28,884.26	\$30,985.00	\$30,792.00	(\$193.00)
<u>H.</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>\$93,262.50</u>	<u>\$90,225.00</u>	<u>\$87,188.00</u>	<u>(\$3,037.00)</u>
<u>I.</u>	<u>Food Service</u>	<u>\$26,753.48</u>	<u>\$30,021.00</u>	<u>\$30,581.00</u>	<u>\$560.00</u>
<u>J.</u>	<u>School Board</u>				
	2311 School Board	\$3,330.49	\$3,542.00	\$3,542.00	\$0.00
	2312 Clerk of the Board				\$0.00
	2313 Treasurer	\$1,166.10	\$965.00	\$964.00	(\$1.00)
	2314 Election and District Meeting	\$305.26	\$536.00	\$536.00	\$0.00
	2315 Legal Services	\$102.40	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
	2317 Audit	\$1,950.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL SCHOOL BOARD	\$6,854.25	\$7,893.00	\$7,892.00	(\$1.00)
<u>K.</u>	<u>District Wide Services</u>				
	2112 Attendance	\$98.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
	2130 Health	\$6,255.91	\$6,527.00	\$2,943.00	(\$3,584.00)
	2645 Staff Services/Health		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
	2900 Other Support Services	\$1,416.51			\$0.00
	TOTAL DISTRICT WIDE SERVICES	\$7,770.42	\$6,677.00	\$3,093.00	(\$3,584.00)

Piermont School District
1996-97 Proposed Budget

	<u>Actual</u> <u>1994-95</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>1995-96</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u> <u>1996-97</u>	<u>+/-</u>
<u>L. Federal Projects</u>				
Fund 2				
	\$1,527.54	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$0.00
<u>M. Building Projects</u>				
Fund 3				
	\$576.80			
<u>N. Other District Wide Services</u>				
5230 Transfer to Capital Proj				\$0.00
5240 Transfer to School Lunch	\$3,018.19			\$0.00
5250 Transfer to Capital Reserve				\$0.00
5255 Transfer to Haverhill Schools library/media Expendable Trust				\$0.00
TOTAL OTHER DISTRICT WIDE SERVICES	\$3,018.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$781,118.01	\$873,376.00	\$882,727.00	\$9,351.00

	<u>1996-97</u>	
A.	\$512,177.00	Instruction
B.	\$2,076.00	Co-Curricular
C.	\$111,181.00	Special Ed.
D.	\$33,300.00	SAU Services
E.	\$15,276.00	Administration
F.	\$47,471.00	Operation of Bldgs.
G.	\$30,792.00	Transportation
H.	\$87,188.00	Debt Service
I.	\$30,581.00	Food Service
J.	\$7,892.00	School Board
K.	\$3,093.00	Other Dist.-wide Svcs.
L.	\$1,700.00	Federal Projects
M.	\$0.00	Building Projects
N.	\$0.00	Other District Wide Services

882,727.00 TOTAL BUDGET



PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUES

	Budgeted 1994-95	Budgeted 1995-96	Budgeted 1996-97	+ or -
<u>770 Unreserved Fund Balance</u>	\$85,642.00	\$62,248.00	\$40,000.00	-22,248.00
<u>3000 Revenues From State Sources</u>				
3110 Foundation Aid				\$0.00
3210 School Building Aid	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$0.00
3221 Vocational Tuition		\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00
3222 Transportation				
3240 Catastrophic Aid				\$0.00
3270 Child Nutrition	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
3910 Gas Tax				\$0.00
<u>4000 Revenues From Federal Sources</u>				
4410 ECIA, Chapter I & II				\$0.00
4460 Child Nutrition	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
4800 National Forest Reserve			\$100.00	\$100.00
4920 Medicaid		\$3,750.00	\$6,000.00	\$2,250.00
5000 Federal Projects	\$1,700.00	\$3,275.00	\$1,700.00	(\$1,575.00)
<u>1000 Revenue From Local Sources</u>				
1121 Current Appropriation	\$677,976.00	\$760,503.00	\$789,127.00	\$28,624.00
1311 Tuition from Pupil & Parents			\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
1312 Tuition from Other LEA's		\$4,500.00	\$3,000.00	(\$1,500.00)
1510 Interest on Investments	\$1,500.00	\$1,600.00	\$800.00	(\$800.00)
1600 Food Service Sales	\$9,500.00	\$15,500.00	\$12,500.00	(\$3,000.00)
1910 Rentals				\$0.00
1990 Miscellaneous				\$0.00
1991 Misc Inc. - Trust Fund Interest			\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$794,318.00	\$873,376.00	\$882,727.00	\$9,351.00

Tax Impact

\$1.00 on the

Year	Tax Rate	Rate	Percent
1990-91	\$19.270	\$29.79	
1991-92	\$19.879	\$34.00	14.13%
1992-93	\$19.946	\$34.28	0.82%
1993-94	\$20.693	\$34.38	0.29%
1994-95	\$20.612	\$32.89	-4.33%
1995-96	\$20.081	\$37.37	13.62%
1996-97	\$20.081	\$38.75	3.69%

**SCHOOL BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR LAND
CASH EQUIVALENT FUND
December 31, 1995**

Beginning Balance, 1/1/95	\$28,368.10
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	1,550.91
Shares Purchased	.00
Shares Sold	.00
Ending Balance, 12/31/95	\$29,919.01

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND
December 31, 1995**

Beginning Balance, 1/1/95	\$6,203.31
Scholarships Awarded	-174.00
Interest Earned, Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank	362.66
New Fund Donations:	
Carlyle H. Meacham	80.00
Ending Balance, 12/31/95	\$6,471.97

**SCHOOL TRUST FUND
FOR SUPPORT OF THE SCHOOL
December 31, 1995**

Name of Investment	Dividend or Interest Income	Total Shares Owned	Principal Amount Market Value or Year End Balance
Fidelity Cash Reserves	205.25	3,713.20	3,713.20
Fidelity Puritan Fund	975.96	2,038.76	34,679.24
Seligman Fund	434.76	1,288.87	18,289.06
TOTALS	\$1,615.97		\$56,681.50

PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

1994 - 1995

To the School Board and Citizens of the Piermont School District:

Number of pupils registered during the year	89
Average Daily Membership	81.9
Percent of Attendance	96%
Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy	6
Number of pupils whose tuition was paid by district	
Elementary	0
Junior High	0
Secondary	17

ENROLLMENT BY GRADE

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL
	9	8	9	12	10	10	10	8	13	89

HONOR ROLL

1994 - 1995 ACADEMIC YEAR

In order to be named to the honor roll a student must be in grades five through eight and receive A's and B's in all subject areas, social adjustment, and work habits. The following is a list of students that were named to the honor roll for all four marking periods.

Melisa Davis	Grade Eight	Matthew Elliott	Grade Eight
Jennifer Frost	Grade Eight	Thomas Hall	Grade Eight
Emma Batchelder	Grade Seven	Ali Medlicott	Grade Seven
Joseph Latona	Grade Six	Whitney Michelsen	Grade Six
Nora Batchelder	Grade Five	Andrew Hall	Grade Five
Kristen Pushee	Grade Five		

SCHOLARSHIPS

Neil Robie - Cornell University
Jared Shipman - University of North Carolina
Tara Stygles - Champlain College

PERFECT ATTENDANCE 1994 - 1995 Academic Year

Katie Collins	William Jackson	Adam Hill	Shane Hodge
	Jeremy Hodge	Amanda Oakes	

TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND CITIZENS OF PIERMONT, I SUBMIT MY FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

In October, 1994, the New Hampshire State Board of Education granted SAU #23's request to form two SAUs: SAU 23, consisting of Bath, Benton, Haverhill Cooperative, Monroe, Piermont and Warren; and SAU 68, Lincoln-Woodstock. This reorganization was discussed in last year's Town Report.

At the SAU 23 Board meeting in May, Wayne Fortier stepped down as Chair, thanking the Board for its support during his three years in office. He explained that his work as President of the New Hampshire State School Boards Association and Chair of the state's Joint Education Council made this necessary. After thanking Fortier for his leadership during the difficult SAU separation process, the Board elected Denis Ward of Monroe as Chair. Ben Harrington of Bath was elected Vice Chair. Bob Regis of Monroe became Secretary, and Donna Roche of Haverhill became Treasurer. With Board approval, we added a Business Administrator to the SAU staff, hiring Ed Emond for this position in July, 1995. Ed is a strong addition to the SAU and has earned our respect for his work developing the SAU and district budgets.

The Piermont School District Meeting in March, 1995 voted down a proposal to designate a high school for Piermont as a way of saving on the cost of tuition. However, the community continues to explore ways to hold tuition costs down. A Citizens' Budget Committee formed to analyze the school budget to ensure that all possible cost savings were being realized. They now meet periodically with the Piermont Board to discuss budgetary issues.

The school gave outgoing board member Roger Hutchins a heart-felt thank you for his years of service to Piermont and SAU 23. Fred Shipman joined the Board as Roger's replacement and has maintained the high level of commitment and insight into school issues that Roger had established.

The Piermont Village School faculty said goodbye to Priscilla Ledwith, long time music teacher, when she retired at the end of the school year. Sheldon Stein was hired for this position and has expanded the instrumental music program while continuing the choral work. The halls of PVS now ring with the music of the PVS "band." In all other ways, the school year was a smooth one. Outdoor sports continued to flourish. The 1995 Thanksgiving Day Community Feast at the school brought as many community members as students to a delicious meal prepared by the cafeteria staff. This first annual feast so exemplified community spirit that NBC news sent a crew to cover the event. A copy of the news footage of the feast is available at the school.

In the current year, Piermont Village School has been selected as New Hampshire's North Country School of the Year. This makes it one of the five top rated schools in the state, in competition for the New Hampshire School of the Year Award at the EDDIES Award Ceremony in the spring. To earn this award, the entire faculty and staff of the school worked together to report on all aspects of the school's educational and cocurricular programs. It's an award that Piermont Village School has certainly earned over the years. Next year's Town Report will tell the details of the EDDIES. For now, I believe the faculty is designing green sequined gowns for the big event!

Finally, I would like to thank the Piermont School community for your kind support. The first few months as Superintendent have been very busy. I am continually surprised by the range of responsibilities that come with this job. I welcome hearing your thoughts about school issues. *SAU 23 Notes*, published monthly, is an attempt to keep you informed about our work. The SAU #23 School-Community Forums, which have featured Dr. Jack Hruska on Family-School Connections, and Fred Bramante on Market Driven Teacher Compensation Plans, are another way we are trying to include the community in our work.

As you know, we can only reach our primary goal - making school a challenging and enriching experience for all students - by working together. It's a goal that we can reach, together.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Nelson
Superintendent

PIERMONT SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

A professional school nurse should perform and be evaluated on his/her success in the following areas:

1. Assumes responsibility for initiation of the pupil health record upon enrollment.
2. Records data on cumulative health record.
3. Identifies the relationship between health status and the student's ability to learn.
4. Communicates health needs of students at-risk for physical and psychosocial problems.
5. Demonstrates evidence of use of theory by sharing information with peers, students, family, staff, other professionals, and the community to assist change.
6. Provides written nursing care plans for students with significant health problems.
7. Assumes responsibility for in service programs for school personnel regarding health-related issues.
8. Demonstrates use of principles of learning and appropriate teaching methods.
9. Teaches the principles of health promotion and disease prevention to individuals and groups.
10. Acts as a resource person in health education to school personnel, students and families.
11. Participates in continuing education programs to increase knowledge, update skills and maintain certification.
12. Participates as an integral member of the interdisciplinary team(s).
13. Assumes leadership in the individualized education plan (IEP) when the primary service for the student is health related.

Piermont's school nurse has achieved many of these goals successfully. Some goals he feels have not been met. Appropriate goals become clear with time. And by working and listening, weaknesses become strengths.

Looking forward to good times and growing in the role of Piermont School Nurse.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilbert Hill, RN, CEN

School Administrative Unit #23

Report of the Superintendent's and Business Administrator's Salaries

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the Superintendent and Business Administrator.

One-half of the School Administrative Unit expenses is prorated among the several school districts of the Unit on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of SAU #23 during the 1995-96 school year will receive a salary of \$59,000.00 plus and incentive of \$2,100.00 prorated among the several school districts. The Business Administrator will receive a salary of \$36,000.00 plus and incentive of \$1,000.00 prorated among the several school districts.

The table below shows the proration of the salary to each school district:

Superintendent's Salary & Incentive

Bath	\$ 5,371.00
Benton	953.00
Haverhill Cooperative	34,570.00
Monroe	10,204.00
Piermont	5,346.00
Warren	<u>4,656.00</u>
	\$61,100.00

Business Administrator's Salary & Incentive

Bath	3,252.00
Benton	577.00
Haverhill Cooperative	20,935.00
Monroe	6,179.00
Piermont	3,238.00
Warren	<u>2,819.00</u>
	\$37,000.00

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOND PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	General Obligation Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
1996	\$45,000.00	\$45,225.00	\$90,225.00
1997	\$45,000.00	\$42,188.00	\$87,188.00
1998	\$45,000.00	\$39,150.00	\$84,150.00
1999	\$45,000.00	\$36,112.00	\$81,112.00
2000	\$45,000.00	\$33,075.00	\$78,075.00
2001-2011	\$445,000.00	\$178,538.00	\$623,538.00
Totals	\$670,000.00	\$374,288.00	\$1,044,288.00

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

For The

Fiscal Year July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1994	170,174.04
Received from Selectmen	622,976.00
Revenue from State Sources	12,923.61
Revenue from Federal Sources	13,126.69
Received as income from Trust Funds	1,563.18
Received from Sale of Notes and Bonds	.00
Received from all Other Sources	28,941.76
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 679,531.24
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR	849,705.28
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID	794,124.71
BALANCE ON HAND June 30, 1995	55,580.57

Ellen A Putnam
District Treasurer

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

To the School Board and voters of the Piermont School District, I submit my ninth annual report.

The administration and staff continue to work together closely to meet the individual needs of the students. All staff members are crucial in the development and implementation of curricular innovations. Students and faculty are actively engaged in supporting the educational mission of the school, in reality, the Piermont Village School performs as a large family where the work of each individual fosters an environment of caring and personal growth.

As an extension and complement to our regular academic program we participate in many special activities. It is these activities that I will highlight for 1995.

Chess Mania swept through our school in January! Grades three through eight received intensive chess instruction for a week. The chess program supports the standards developed by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. The whole school benefitted from the experience and out of this exposure grew a weekly chess club.

January found the seventh and eighth grade students and their teachers in a panic because the Amtrak Montrealer was threatening to stop serving our area. How would we get to Washington, DC in April?

Billy Jackson became our Geography Bee champion in January! His brother, Michael had been a champion years before. We were very proud of Bill!

In February we celebrated the one hundredth school day of the year! This is a facet of the primary math program. Older students still appreciate the importance of it and help with the celebration. (Note: This was the first time in Piermont School history that we were able to count off with one hundred people. As we were counting off Myron Mueller walked into the gym just in the nick of time to be the one hundredth person! That was a big moment!)

Also in February, Steve Daly worked with students on computer programming using True Basic, a programming language. Students and teachers were very appreciative of the time and expertise Steve shared with us.

February was a big month for eighth grade student Jennifer Frost. Jen was selected to play her flute at the Northern District Junior High Music Festival. This is quite an honor and it had been several years since we'd had a student given this opportunity. Then Jen became our school spelling bee champion! She went on the district level and did very well.

In March we held our Sports Recognition dinner. Soccer and basketball athletes, coaches, and parents were all praised for their efforts.

The seventh and eighth grade class ran a very successful magazine drive in March. Close

Principal's Report Continued:

to two thousand dollars was made! This yearly magazine drive has turned out to be our biggest moneymaker for Washington, D.C.

April brought the production of the Arabian Nights to the Piermont Village School stage! This was an exciting kindergarten through grade eight performance. Acting, costumes, and technical effects were all superb! Thanks again to Nancy Sandell for adapting and directing the event. Students and staff all worked extremely hard to put on a great show for the community.

Emile Birch, a well know sculptor, worked with students in the primary grades on ocean clay projects. Students created some beautiful pieces!

In May Kristen Pushee, Jessica Labounty, Amanda Oakes, and Jen Frost played their instruments in the District Band Concert.

The Piermont Conservation Commission donated a beautiful pink flowering crab tree to the school for Arbor Day. Mrs. Helen Underhill and Mrs. Helga Mueller shared some readings with the children. The tree was then dedicated to those who lost their lives in the Oklahoma City bombing.

Also in May, Dale Gilson, kindergarten teacher, received the Dr. Eugene O. Jalbert Award for Family/School involvement for the state of New Hampshire. She received her award in Exeter at a meeting of the state school board of education. Dale was honored because of her successful and rewarding reading program that she instituted after her visit to New Zealand.

The year ended with a Science Fair, Field Day at the Monroe Consolidated School, Run and Read, a wonderful art show and the track championship. All were successful events! We had an outside work day in June and did a little outside painting and landscape work. We also sent out a plea for perennials. The seventh and eighth grade class ended the year with a trip to a Red Sox game. What fun we had!

The kindergarten class graphed the weather all year. At the end of the year they shared with us that February was the month with the most sunny days!

In June the following eighth grade students graduated: Elizabeth Adams, Melissa Davis, Christopher Dunbar, Jennifer Frost, Tom Hall, Nick Hutchins, Jason Pushee, Jennifer Quinn, Emily Shipman and David Sundnas. They went on the Orford High School, Woodsville High School, Hanover High School, and St. Johnsbury Academy.

Students were all given reading assignments for the summer vacation. There was a wonderful reading program at the Piermont Library that many students participated in. The focus was on crafts. Seventh grade students worked with town residents during the summer to tape oral histories to supplement the work of the Piermont Historical Society. The experience was truly educational.

Principal's Report Continued:

Summer was relatively quiet at the Piermont Village School. Families worked cooperatively to keep the grounds mowed, the field hayed and new trees watered.

September brought us a guest from New Zealand! Virginia Francis, with whom Dale Gilson stayed in New Zealand the previous summer, spent several weeks sharing ideas with us. Virginia is a model teacher, principal, author, and a respected authority on education in her country. What an energizing way for the faculty to start the year! We were very fortunate and our classrooms reflect the effect Virginia had on us. She was a wealth of information.

The fifth and sixth grade class is now participating in the GLOBE program. Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) is an international environmental, science and education program. It creates a partnership between students, teachers and the scientific research community that actively involves the students in data collection and observation. The measurements taken by the GLOBE students will serve two important purposes. One is scientific. Participating scientists will use this data in their research programs to improve our understanding of the global environment. The other is educational. Students will not only learn how to carry out a scientifically rigorous program of Earth observations, but will also use their own measurements, together with data from other GLOBE schools, as a key part of their study of environmental science.

Our school band has grown! Students are taking lessons with guitars, pianos, trumpets, flutes, clarinets, drums, and even banjos! It is great to hear the music emanating from the gym on Mondays! We have both a beginner and an advance band now.

In November we had our first annual Thanksgiving dinner. We had an overwhelming turnout of community members. It was an open invitation to all community members. The cooks fed about two hundred people. The kindergarten class made decorations, the first and second grade class made place cards, the third and fourth grade class made centerpieces, and grades five through eight made pilgrim appetizer cups and provided the musical entertainment. The cooks served turkey supreme, mashed potatoes with gravy, squash, rolls, cranberry sauce, sweet pickles, homemade pies, candy corn and nuts. We had a lot of volunteer help and really appreciated it! A good time was had by all.

On the sports front we had another great soccer season with veteran Coach Cameron Prest. Students learned a lot of new skills and enjoyed themselves playing other teams. For the second year in a row we played in a soccer tournament under wild weather conditions! Two new coaches joined us for basketball season. Veteran Coach Brian Garrigan returned and we welcomed David Pushee and Jim Musty. We've had a great basketball season so far. We were off to an impressive start when we took two first place trophies and two fourth place trophies at the Orford Tournament. Our girls got a little extra help before the season when Brian VanGelder offered a basketball clinic.

Grades five through eight invested an imaginary \$10,000 dollars in the stock market again this year. Some teams lost money, some made money, and others about broke even. It is an educational experience. In real life, the same students invested their Washington, D.C.

Principal's Report Continued:

Money in certificates of deposit. The students looked at the various options and decided a six month CD would give them enough flexibility and pay them more interest than their current savings account.

In December we had a good old fashioned holiday program. Students sang and danced as our new music teacher, Mr. Sheldon Stein, accompanied them on his guitar. Our school band played a few numbers also. Once again Santa arrived at the end of the program!

The kindergarten class has been working on an alphabet frieze this year. It is really impressive to see! Drop in some time and look at it!

The students continue to benefit from the excellent selection of books and materials available at the Piermont Public Library. Our weekly visits to the library are both educational and fun thanks to the effort of Librarian Nancy Underhill.

The axiom that it takes a whole village to raise a child is truly reflective of the educational experience at the Piermont Village School. We are fortunate to have a strong bond between the community and the school. The community is often used as a learning environment and many volunteers assist the school in offering programs for the children. Together we continue to give our best to the children of Piermont!

Respectfully submitted,
Jane E. Slayton

